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## Main Street loses leader

Joyce Daher Belko dies Monday at 52

By Judy Wakefield

The Main Street business mood was somber early this week with the news of Joyce M. (Daher) Belko's death.

Business associates knew Belko, the vice president and treasurer of Daher's Shoes Inc., which has two stores on Main Street, as an astute businesswoman. But many also remember the way she blended her kind and caring heart with her strong business sense. Belko died of cancer on Monday, Sept. 15. She was 52.

Her company's annual shoe sale, held every June in Old Town Hall, was a big undertaking, but she took it on every year with a great big smile to match. She always donated some proceeds to a favorite charity.

**"She had gentleness and sweetness about her, combined with business skills."**

RICHARD SANTAGATI  
MERRIMACK COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Rosalie Ruggiero of Andover, founder and past president of Creative Living Inc., which runs programs for special-needs adults, received donations from Belko. She said Belko was an "extremely caring, kind and wonderful businesswoman."

"Everybody loved her in our organization," Ruggiero said. "She cared about us and often called to see if there was anything she could do for us."

Diane Nazarian, of Nazarian Jewelers located next door to Daher's on Main Street, said Belko was "hardworking and energetic" but also a pleasant business neighbor.

"She was just a lovely girl and everyone knew her," Nazarian said. "She had loads of customers on Main Street and always had a smile when they

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Joyce Daher Belko was known for her charity.

## TOWN HAS \$5 MILLION TO BUY LAND



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Though the town has bought some property this year — such as 15 Pettingell Ave., pictured above — it has not needed to touch \$5 million approved since 2000 to buy conservation land.

## \$5 million approved to buy conservation land sits idle

By Andrea Gregory

Since 2000, Andover residents have authorized the Conservation Commission to spend \$5 million to buy more conservation land. So far, not a penny of that has been spent.

It's the job of the Conservation Commission, in collaboration with conservation administrator Jim Greer, to decide what land the town should acquire to help Andover preserve green space and protect wetlands. The conservation agents did purchase land earlier this year, but they are still using funds appropriated at 1998 Town Meeting.

Andover has spent \$853,935.55 to buy conservation land this year, most of which was spent to purchase three new properties. Greer said he believes the newly purchased properties were among six offers that came in when the town announced it was seeking land in 2002. An additional sale is in the works for 15 Pettingell Ave. at a cost of \$173,000.

According to Greer, purchasing the Pettingell Avenue land will cause the commission to dip into the untouched \$5 million for the first time. The town is not negotiating to purchase any other land.

The Conservation Commission has about \$5,046,695 set aside which can only be used for the purpose of buying or



FILE PHOTO

The town has money in reserve to add to the more than 1,768 acres of conservation land it owned as of last year.

maintaining conservation land. Rod Smith, town accountant, said about \$46,695 of this money is in cash, and the commission has the authority to borrow the remaining \$5 million when it is needed to buy land.

"We have not borrowed it yet. We have not done anything with it yet," said Smith.

Smith said having the ability to borrow shows potential sellers the town can pursue purchases, helping the town to

avoid losing property to developers. "It gives us latitude to go into good faith negotiations," said Smith.

Smith said the plan is to avoid borrowing the \$5 million until the money in needed, to postpone costs such as interest and lawyer fees.

"We don't want to pay the interest. That doesn't cost us a penny until we start paying it off," said Smith. "If you're going to go out and buy a car in

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## Officer retires, faces felony drug charge

By Andrea Gregory

Andover Police Officer Randall Peterson retired on Aug. 22, one month before his 25th year as an officer. Five days later, he was arraigned in Lawrence District Court on the felony charge of writing false prescriptions.

If convicted, Peterson could face four years in prison or 2½ years in the house of corrections and a \$20,000 fine. He could also lose his pension. Retirement Administrator Elena M. Kothman said that could be worth as much as \$32,566 annually.

Peterson's number is unlisted. His lawyer, Robert Kelley, was asked if his client had anything to say. "I'm sure he doesn't right now," said Kelley.

"He's in a difficult position, with him and his family, and let's just leave it at that."

Though Peterson was granted

ed a full pension by the retirement board last month, he could have his pension revoked. "(Granting a pension) was done before any charges were filed. If there's a conviction, we revisit the issue.

And, possibly, we don't know, the pension could be taken away from him," said Rod Smith, town accountant.

Though Peterson is retired, Police Chief Brian Pattullo said Peterson is not eligible to become an auxiliary police officer, meaning he is not eligible to work and be paid for road details. Pattullo said he learned

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**"Had he not retired, there would have been disciplinary action."**

POLICE CHIEF  
BRIAN PATTULLO

Three dead birds found in Andover have tested positive for carrying the West Nile Virus.

"There's no cause for alarm," said Everett Penney, health director. "As the summer progresses, it transfers from the mosquito population to the bird population."

No mosquitoes in town have tested positive.

The infected birds included a dead crow found on Haverhill Street, a blue jay found on Kathleen Drive, and a third bird discovered on Mary Lou Lane. Final test results were reported Monday. WNV has

been found in birds in Massachusetts since 2000. In 2002, there were approximately 575 WNV-positive birds identified in the state and approximately 10,000 dead-bird reports. Twenty-five human cases of WNV disease were identified in the state in 2002. WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of a mosquito

infected with the virus. Although the state stops testing after two birds test positive in a town, officials encourage residents to continue to report dead birds to the health department at 978-683-8295.

**Wilmington looks to buy town water**  
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## Saturday afternoon: Town Meeting time?

Selectmen to discuss option Monday

By Andrea Gregory

Could hosting Town Meeting on a Saturday increase the turnout of voters, giving more residents a say in the community? That is the question before the selectmen who will be deciding dates for the 2004 Town Meeting this Monday, Sept. 22.

"The thought is a daytime

Town Meeting might give those who haven't had the opportunity to go to Town Meeting the opportunity to come," said Selectman Ray Hender. "One thing that's always been mentioned is some seniors and some parents, especially with young children who would need a babysitter, have some difficul-

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## He wrote special education law, now he'll talk about it

By Ben Hellman

In an attempt to defuse the annual, heated special education debate before budget season, Andover's special education parent's group has invited the man who wrote the law that governs how schools provide special education to speak in Andover next week.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. attorney Larry Kotin will discuss the importance of the laws, clear up misconceptions and answer questions. In 1972, Kotin drafted Chapter 766, the Massachusetts law

that governs how the schools educate students with special needs.

The meeting will be in the School Committee meeting room on the second floor of the school administrative building, behind Town Offices, on Whittier Court.

Special education costs in Andover grew 72 percent — almost twice as much as regular education — from 1997 to the 2002-03 school year. The cost of SPED, particularly out-of-district SPED, has been a lightning rod for debate, said

parent John Roberts. Roberts is also the president of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

He hopes this meeting will educate the town. "There were a lot of statements made at last year's budget meetings. (This meeting) will separate anecdote from reality," said Roberts. Roberts said the goal of the meeting is to discuss the topic of special education rules while the town isn't facing an election or a budget process.

Kotin said there is nothing

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FILE PHOTO

Voters at a recent Town Meeting. Soon people may be voting on a Saturday.

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## REMEMBERING SEPT. 11



Andover Veterans Services held a brief public observance in front of Town Offices last Thursday to mark the anniversary of the September 11 tragedy. A wreath of flowers was placed in front of Town Offices for each of the four from Andover who died that day: Christopher Morrison, Mildred Naiman, Betty Ong and Leonard "Lenny" Taylor. In the photo above, Lieutenant James Hashem salutes as the flag in front of Town Offices is raised from half mast. In the photo at right, State Sen. Sue Tucker and Jeff Taylor, brother of Leonard Taylor, stand behind two of the ceremonial wreaths.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

## Belko active with charities, business

## ■ CHARITABLE LEADER

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came in. She was known for her big heart."

Like many downtown business workers, Diane Gangi of Strawberry Tree, frequented the popular Daher's stores. She got her kids' shoes at Daher's and never missed the big shoe sale at Old Town Hall.

"I just knew her as a customer, but she was always very, very nice to customers. I am very sorry to hear about this," said Gangi. "That downtown sale was quite an undertaking and like everyone, I hit the sale every year."

She's also being mourned at Merrimack College in North Andover where president Richard Santagati described her as "a talented businesswoman, combined with passion and an interest of others."

Just last May she was installed as co-president of Friends of Merrimack College, along with Andover realtor Bill Buck.

She never attended Merrimack, but supported Catholic education, Santagati said.

"She saw the value in a Catholic education and believed in our emphasis on outreach and service. That emulated her feelings about life," said Santagati, an Andover resident.

This past spring, Belko designated Friends of Merrimack as the recipient of shoe sale proceeds. The group received \$3,365 from the downtown shoe sale. She was also known as caring, giving person in Merrimack circles for doing things such as making a personal contribution to a Merrimack professor who was doing a project on cancer research, Santagati said.

"It was always about somebody else with Joyce," Santagati said. "She's a loss because of what a role model she is to young men and women. She had gentleness and sweetness about her, combined with business skills."

A Methuen native, Belko was the second child and only daughter of Sally M. Daher, who opened Daher's Shoes to support her four children after her husband's death. Sally Daher began passing the reins for the store's operations to her children in 1973.

Belko "was a surrogate mother to all of us," said her brother, Charles Daher of Andover. "We used to joke that she had three brothers, and she was still the one who mowed the lawn."

Belko graduated from St. Mary's High School and earned a bachelor's degree from St. Francis College, known today as University of New England.

She was also active in St. Anthony's Maronite Church, a member of Quota Club and Holy Family Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

She also supported Lazarus House and Family Services, as well as the American Cancer Society in Lawrence, LifeLinks, a center for adults with developmental disabilities in Lowell, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, where she underwent treatment.

Members of her family include her husband, John M. Belko; two sons, John M. Belko Jr. and Joshua M. Belko, all of North Andover; brothers, Charles F. Daher, of Andover, Kenneth E. Daher of North Andover and John R. Daher of Andover; and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be today, Thursday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Maronite Church of Lawrence. In accordance with Belko's wishes, calling hours will also be today, Thursday, Sept. 18 beginning at 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute's GI Cancer Research Fund c/o Dr. Robert Mayer, 1309 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02446.

Molly Manchenton contributed to this story.

## Special education discussion

## ■ CHAPTER 766

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wrong with the law, even if it is expensive for towns and cities. "Anything worth doing, that's done well, is expensive," he

said. If there is a problem, Kotin said it is that the federal government doesn't fund the law.

Kotin isn't surprised that special education mandates are controversial. "I view it as a civil

rights law - which it is. Civil rights laws are always controversial because they are about the minorities," he said.

"These placements really save these kids," he said. He said taking care of the kids saves the state money in the long run because they can become productive members of society and stay out of prisons.

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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



The top photo shows Summer Street at the intersection with Elm Street in 1954, after a large storm. The bottom photo shows Summer Street today, as other parts of the East Coast worry about the possible effects of Hurricane Isabel.



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

## This Saturday, class on having green, organic lawn

A class for homeowners entitled "Simple Steps towards Organic Fall Lawn Care" will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library. This program is being jointly sponsored by the Andover/North Andover and the North Reading Leagues of Women Voters, the Andover and North Reading health and water departments, and People for the Environment, based in North Andover. There will be a \$5 per person charge at the door. Detailed handouts on organic lawn care will be provided to all participants.

The class will be presented by Pat Beckett and Chip Osborne, who chaired the Marblehead Pesticide Awareness Committee and the Living Lawn Project. They are both certified

in organic land care by the Northeast Organic Farming Association and have provided training for several hundred homeowners and landscapers during the past several years. In addition, Osborne is chairman of the Marblehead Recreation, Parks and Forestry Commission and is overseeing the implementation of Marblehead's organic pest management policy on town-owned land. Beckett recently authored the Living Lawn Web site, [www.livinglawn.org](http://www.livinglawn.org).

Topics to be covered in a PowerPoint presentation include facts about the hazards of chemical lawn-care pesticide programs and details on how to "go organic," including the following topics: re-seeding and lawn renovation; seed types, organic

fertilizers, use of compost, proper mowing and watering; natural weed control and organic lawn care management for the fall season. There will be time for questions. Organizers suggest that people come early.

## Red Cross

The American Red Cross of Merrimack Valley is looking for per diem instructors for their state-of-the-art CNA program. It seeks nurses (LPN or RN) to work with students as they learn new care-giving skills in a lab setting and clinical area. Openings available in Haverhill and Lowell, for day and evening classes. Send resume to: Eileen F. Sullivan, 177 Ward Hill Ave., Haverhill, MA 01835, or fax to: 978-374-2233.

## Pay-As-You Throw Study Group open

The town manager is seeking citizen volunteers to serve on a seven-member study group that will investigate the feasibility of implementing the controversial a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) refuse collection system in Andover. The PAYT Study Group will analyze the experience of other communities; call upon the knowledge and expertise of outside sources; conduct public meetings to gather input from residents; and provide its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen by Dec. 1.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest and resumé to Reginald S. Stapczynski, town manager, as soon as possible, by e-mail to: [rstapczynski@town.andover.ma.us](mailto:rstapczynski@town.andover.ma.us), or by fax to 978-623-8240, or by mail to Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.

## Legislative contact

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold monthly office hours at Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Residents can also contact Tucker at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612 or by sending an e-mail to her at [STucker@senate.state.ma.us](mailto:STucker@senate.state.ma.us).

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold constituent office hours on Friday, Sept. 26, in the cafeteria of the Council on Aging, Whittier Court, from 10 to 11 a.m. L'Italien represents the new 18th Essex District which includes precincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover.

## An easier life

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m., Marland Place of 15 Stevens St. will present as part of its monthly healthy aging series, "Gadgets and Gizmos to make your life easier," by Mary Ann Smith, occupational therapist from Gentiva Health Services. This program is free and open to the public, with refreshments served at 6 p.m.

## Cultural outreach

Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach is entering its fifth year, and its opening day for registration is this Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Underwood Room at Phillips Academy, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Andover Korean Outreach is entering its third year, and its opening day for registration is also Sunday Sept. 21, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., but in Morse Hall, on the Phillips Academy Campus, off Salem Street.

"While these programs are primarily for families with adopted children from China and Korea, we also welcome families who are interested in these cultures," according to Elizabeth Wilkin, coordinator, ACCO and AKO, Phillips Academy. She can be reached at 978-749-4846.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**I** REMEMBER WHEN I MADE a book once, how she put it in the school library with a real library card. And she wrote me a note about how I would be a famous author some day.

— Karen Jo (Giammusso) Shapiro, on her former Andover elementary-school principal, Lois Haslam, who encouraged Shapiro to become a writer. Shapiro just released her first children's book. (Story, page 16)

**H**E DROVE INTO the gas pump.

— Richard Gilberg, explaining what he saw happen to an alleged car thief when police put on their lights while the man was parked at the Mobil gas station on Lowell Street. (Story, page 4)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, Sept. 18

High Plain School Improvement Council, media center, 3:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

## Friday, Sept. 19

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

## Saturday, Sept. 20

Know Your Town Fair, in front of Town Offices, 9 a.m. to noon.

## Monday, Sept. 22

Council on Aging, work session, Andover Senior Center, 9 a.m.

School Committee, retreat, School Administration Building, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third

floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Sept. 23

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Sept. 24

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Sept. 25

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 8 a.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

## Have an idea for a town project?

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is inviting citizens to submit request for private capital-improvement projects for review as part of the five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) currently being developed for the period beginning July 1, 2004. Last year's Town Government Review Committee Report recommended that private requests for capital warrant articles be submitted at the same time as staff CIP requests. This recommendation was made with the intent to strengthen citizen input for good community and financial planning. The Town Manager's Recommended Capital Improvement Plan will be released at the end of October.

Citizens who would like to submit request(s) should contact the Department of Finance and Budget at 978-623-8219 or [Clynch@town.andover.ma.us](mailto:Clynch@town.andover.ma.us) for a Capital Improvement Program Project Request form. This form is also available on the town Web site at [www.town.andover.ma.us](http://www.town.andover.ma.us).

The form asks for:

- Project description: What are you requesting to build or

purchase? Where? How was cost estimated?

- Project justification and purpose: Why is request needed? Who benefits? Do any cost savings result?

- Estimated annual cost of operation and maintenance: Any future costs associated with request?

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# Facing charges

## OFFICER CHARGED

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that Peterson was being investigated by the Methuen Police Department on Aug. 15. Later that day, Peterson was asked to surrender his gun and badge, and Andover began an internal investigation of its own, said Pattullo. Peterson was on paid administrative leave pending the outcome, he said.

"The department moved quickly to put him on administrative leave because we don't tolerate any breach of the law. Had he not retired, there would have been disciplinary action," said Pattullo.

An application summoning Peterson to appear in court was filed by Officer Michael Velazquez out of the Methuen Police department on Aug. 19. Peterson was arraigned on Aug. 27. A pretrial conference is scheduled for Sept. 30.

Information from the Methuen investigation, obtained from the Lawrence clerk of the courts, states Peterson allegedly was "uttering a false prescription" on "diverse dates between Dec. 20, 2001 through Aug. 14, 2003."

Pattullo did not get into the details of the case or investigation. "I do not know all of the

drugs (involved)," he said. "There are mitigating circumstances around this." But Pattullo would not disclose those circumstances.

Pattullo said he was not aware of any illegal activity Peterson was allegedly involved in, until Methuen Police contacted him on Aug. 15. Pattullo said that after he placed Peterson on administrative leave, Peterson obtained counsel and decided to retire before being arraigned. On Aug. 22, while on administrative leave, Peterson retired with full pension. "The retirement board has to go with what's in front of them and at that time he hadn't been charged with anything," said Pattullo.

Smith, the town accountant, said Peterson's retirement was presented in a normal way and the investigation was not brought to the board's attention.

According to Smith, Peterson had served on the force for 24 years and 11 months. Smith said the retirement board had no substantial facts before it that would have shown reason why the board would deny Peterson's request for retirement. "Not on a first-hand basis," said Smith. "We've heard rumors."



Randall Peterson

## REVIEWING THE CASE

**AUG. 15** – The Methuen Police Department informs Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo of its investigation.

**AUG. 15, AROUND 7:30 P.M.** – Peterson is placed on administrative leave with pay.

**AUG. 19** – Methuen police file an application summoning Peterson to appear in court.

**AUG. 22** – While on administrative leave, Peterson retires with pension.

**AUG. 27** – Peterson is arraigned.

**SEPT. 30** – Pretrial conference.

## ARREST

# Alleged car thief has trouble driving

By Andrea Gregory

Those at the scene of a Monday arrest say it wasn't difficult to guess that Anthony Cruz did not own the black Ford Mustang convertible he was driving.

When Cruz pulled into the Mobil gas station on Lowell Street, he didn't seem to know where his car's gas tank was located. He had difficulty driving the standard. Finally, when police sitting in a car behind him flashed their lights, he drove the car into one of the gas pumps.

Andover police say Anthony Cruz, 25, of 35 Common St. in Lawrence, was driving the allegedly stolen car with a revoked license when he stopped for gas at the Route 133 Mobil station and asked directions to Worcester.

"He was going from Lawrence to Worcester," said Richard Gilberg, who happened to be at the gas station and overheard the conversation inside the Mobil store. Gilberg then saw the man attempt a short-lived escape. "He drove into the gas pump," said Gilberg.

Gilberg said police were on site and appeared to be waiting for Cruz.

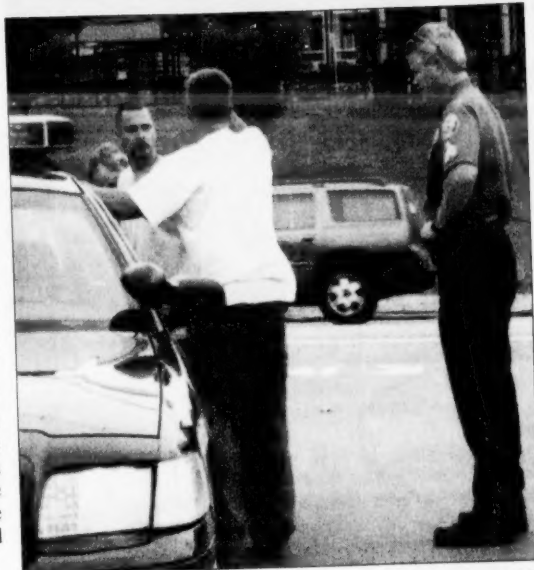


PHOTO BY ANDREA GREGORY

Andover police take alleged car thief Anthony Cruz into custody Monday, at the Mobil station on Lowell Street, Route 133.

Kevin Foster, Mobil manager, said he was the one who gave Cruz directions.

"First of all, he was lost. He didn't know where he was," said Foster.

He said Cruz seemed con-

fused from the minute he drove onto the Mobil property. Foster said Cruz pulled up to a pump that was on the opposite side of the car from his gas tank. Cruz tried to reach the nozzle around, but it did not make it, he said.

According to Foster, Cruz's driving was an indication something might be wrong as well. "You can tell he never drove a standard before," said Foster.

But Foster said it was not until Cruz got back into the car and the police turned on their lights – he saw the flashing lights through the store window – that Foster realized something more was going on.

According to Detective Sgt. Don Pattullo, two undercover detectives were swinging through the lot when they saw Cruz and the car.

"He had parked over there and went in to get directions," said Pattullo, pointing to the side of the station opposite the pay phones.

During that time, police ran the license plates and learned the Mustang had been stolen out of Lawrence. When Cruz returned to the car, the undercover police car signaled for the driver to stop, at which time Cruz crashed into the pump, police said. Cruz was taken out of the car, handcuffed and placed in the back of a cruiser that arrived on the scene.

"Another good job done by the boys," Pattullo said.

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# Skid School program available to Andover teens

By Ben Hellman

Teenage driver Eddie Roberts of Andover was merging onto Interstate 495 with a carload of his friends when another car came at him, seemingly from out of nowhere. He swerved and managed to avoid the other car.

His mom, Chris Roberts said he attributed the quick save to Skid School, a driving class that allows kids to learn how to react in an emergency situation. Skid School is being offered again this weekend, in Concord, N.H., to Merrimack Valley kids.

"If it weren't for this driving course, I wouldn't be here, talking today," Roberts quoted her son. Eddie Roberts is currently a freshman at the University of Hartford, and his parents, Chris and John Roberts, said the driving course is so important they are

happy to recommend it to anyone who has a teenager.

"He said that in four hours he learned more than he did in four or five months of driving school," said John Roberts.

The three and a half hour courses are being held at Concord Airport – it is always held on an air field because there is enough space to be safe – this weekend on Saturday and Sunday. The course teaches students to use anti-lock brakes to change lanes on a highway to avoid another car or object. Students get a high-speed lesson in quick stops to show them that tailgating can lead to serious accidents. The course also offers other tips for safe and defensive driving.

Chris Roberts said her son thought Andover students should have to take the

course just to be able to get out of the AHS parking lot in the afternoon.

The program costs \$150, with the non-profit Massachusetts Auto Dealers Charitable Fund picking up the rest of the expense.

"You never have any chance to practice emergency skills until you're in an emergency," said John Roberts.

The president of the Massachusetts Auto dealers organization started the program when he lost a teenage relative in an accident, said John Roberts.

Parents are encouraged to come along and sit in the back seat – an instructor sits in the passenger side with the student. Those interested in attending the course can sign up by calling the Mass Auto Dealers Association at 617-451-1051.

# Selectmen ponder if Saturday Town Meeting will increase involvement

## SATURDAY

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There are three options for next year's Town Meeting.

• Open the meeting on Monday, April 26, continue on Tuesday, April 27 and wrap up on Monday and Tuesday of the following week, May 3 and 4, if necessary.

• Open on Monday, April 26, continue on Saturday, May 1, followed by Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, if necessary.

• Open on Saturday, May 1, continue on Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, leaving Monday, May 10 as the final day if needed.

The Saturday dates would mean Town Meeting would be held during

daytime hours, from about 1 to 5 p.m.

Because Town Meeting uses the parking lot at Andover High School, Selectman Mary Lyman said selectmen are hoping to get a better idea of the school's track schedule before voting. She said a home meet, depending on its time, could affect an already congested parking situation for Town Meeting, and possibly sink the Saturday idea.

"We've got to know what we're up against," she said.

As for right now, Lyman said she is leaning toward supporting one of the two Saturday options.

"The point is to be user-friendly," said Lyman. "It deserves a moment in the sun just to try it and see how the community responds."

Holding one of the Town Meeting days on a Saturday would take care of those Town Meeting no-shows who say, "I would do it, but..." said Lyman.

"This is putting teeth to what people told the town government," she said.

According to Lyman, weeknight Town Meetings can be difficult to attend for people who work late or work out of town, and finding a babysitter on a Monday or Tuesday night is not easy for many parents.

"It can exclude people," she said. "The question has always been out there: can we do better?"

Lyman said she is not sure which way she will cast her vote if she does opt for a Saturday Town Meeting day. "I go back and forth," she said. "It's a

big risk."

According to Lyman, if the Saturday option turns out to be a flop, she would rather it not be on the first night when the budget and bigger issues are addressed. But to get a true sense of whether Saturday is a crowd pleaser, she said, the best test would be to start Town Meeting on a Saturday.

On Monday, Lyman polled the Town Democratic Committee.

"The majority said no Saturday meeting," she said. "They were just saying any kind of change is going to be hard."

But, according to Lyman, as the 40 residents at Town Democratic Committee meeting further discussed the Saturday possibility, there were mixed reac-

tions. "I don't know where that leaves me," she said.

Hender said he is not sure where he stands on the issue.

"There are pluses and minuses on each side of it," said Hender. "It goes both ways."

Hender said, years ago, before he was a selectman and was working in Boston, a Saturday Town Meeting would have been a better fit for his life.

Hender said he is struggling between sticking with tradition and starting Town Meeting on a Saturday.

He said to gauge the effectiveness of a Saturday it would need to be the first day or Town Meeting. "That Monday night has always been the biggest audience," he said.

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The town plans to add this piece of land, at 15 Pettingell Ave., to its conservation total.

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## Conservation cash

### ■ BUYING LAND

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six months would you borrow the money now?"

But the amounts have already been approved by Town Meeting votes, so if the commission needed the cash, it could have the money tomorrow, he said. Until then, the town is not paying anything.

Greer said he was not sure how much money the Conservation Commission should have at its disposal. He said the commission is disciplined when it comes to spending and asking for money.

Andover residents authorized the spending of \$5 million through votes at three Town Meetings.

In 2000, residents approved spending \$1.5 million. Greer said he believes the town asked for this \$1.5 million at the right time, since the financial situation of the town is not what it used to be.

The Conservation Commission went back to Town Meeting in 2001 for \$2 million that was appropriated specifically to purchase the Reichold property, currently being cleaned up. The cleanup must be finished before the sale will be finalized.

The last time the commission asked for money was at 2002 Town Meeting, and another \$1.5 million was added to the list of appropriated funds.

This \$5 million has not been touched, as the town has purchased land using previously appropriated conservation

funds. "We never were actually at zero, I think, in the past 20 years," said Greer, about having a money on hand. "It really puts (the commission) in the driver's seat."

### Nothing available?

When the Conservation Commission went out to bid looking for property it could turn into conservation land this summer, it received no offers.

"It's like going fishing," said Greer, of the process. "Whether you catch the fish or not, you still went fishing."

"There were no responses," said Elaine Shola, director of purchasing, adding it is the first time the town has ever sought to buy land, and received no offers.

Shola said the commission does not always act on the responses. Shola's records show that six proposals were received in August 2002, following a request similar to the one made this year.

What does this mean?

"No one's wanting to dispose of their property, or sell it to the town," said Shola.

According to Greer, this does not mean the opportunities for the town to buy more land are running out.

"Land changes hands quite frequently, with it changes opportunities," he said.

Greer said there is no time line to spend the money, and he could not say when the commission intends to ask for additional funds. He also said he did not know how soon the commission would be going out to bid again.

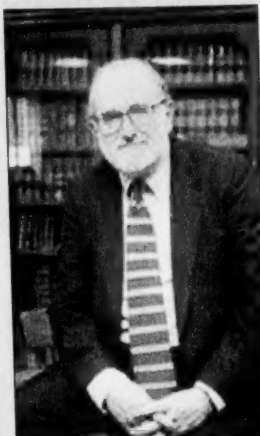
### HISTORY

## Yankee eye for the Civil War guy

Mass. School of Law offers program

By Ben Hellman

"The winners write the history books," the old adage goes, but Larry Velvel, dean at Andover's Massachusetts School of Law, said there is one American war that is the exception which proves this rule.



Larry Velvel is supporting a Civil War program given from a Northern perspective.

The Civil War is a subject that Southerners have long held ownership of, said Velvel. A conference being held at the school in early October will look at the war from a "Yankee" point of view.

"The Civil War is the only time in history where the losers wrote the history," said Velvel. And some Southerners – Velvel has dubbed them "unreconstructed types" – haven't gotten over the defeat, he said. "It's the lost cause school of the Civil War, where Southerners are all virtuous and heroic," he said.

"The North in the Civil War" has a decidedly different point of view. It opens with a talk entitled "How the North Won the

Civil War" and continues with discussions by experts on Lincoln, civil liberties and battles fought, all given from the Northern perspective. The conference runs all day Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12 at the law school at 500 Federal St., off Old River Road.

Velvel said the affects of the war can be felt today in race relations between whites and blacks. "The blunt truth is that the North sold out the African-Americans in 1876. The government was so hell-bent to make peace with the South," said Velvel. The legacy of the Jim Crow laws can be seen in the recent affirmative action law suits at the University of Michigan, he said.

Velvel was interested in the Civil War in high school and his interest was rekindled during a viewing of the film *Gettysburg* 13 years ago. Since then, he has been to 12 Civil War conferences, all in the South. They tend to be characterized by visits to actual battle fields and focus on how battles were fought, he said. The Andover conference will be more about "ideas and broadly accepted facts," said Velvel.

The conference is the second in what Velvel hopes to be an annual event. Last year there was lively discussion and debate, he said. "There's a lot of argument. It's not just a bunch of talks," he said.

The cost of attending the two-day program is \$99 prepaid or \$100 at the door. Velvel said the program is much less expensive than conferences in the South, which typically run between \$300 and \$500.

Those interested in attending can contact Rosa Figueiredo at 978-681-0800 or by e-mail at [rosal@mslaw.edu](mailto:rosal@mslaw.edu).

## TOWN LAW

### A look at contract zoning

This article is the first of several to be written by town counsel and which are intended to highlight certain points of municipal law, particularly as they might relate to Andover. The articles are meant to be a public service and will be written at no cost to the town of Andover or the Townsman. This first article addresses the issue of contract zoning. At 2002 Town Meeting, an article to rezone land on the request of the Andover Little League and Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. was defeated, with some opposed calling the plan "contract zoning."

By Thomas J. Urbelis

What if a developer offered to pay \$8 million into the town of Andover's general fund to be used for any municipal purpose if Town Meeting voted to rezone the developer's property? Is such a proposal something which the residents of Andover would like the opportunity to consider? Is such a proposal legal? Is it invalid on the basis that Town Meeting would be "contracting" away its zoning powers to the highest bidder?

Last month, the highest court in Massachusetts, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) provided guidance as to the answers to those questions in a case involving the town of Bellingham. A company which wanted to construct a power plant sought a rezoning of land from agricultural and suburban use to industrial use. The president of the company publicly announced that the company would make an unrestricted \$8 million gift to the town if the property were rezoned at Town Meeting and the plant operated successfully for one year. The zoning article was passed at the open Town Meeting by more than the necessary two-thirds vote.

Certain residents sued the town and challenged the Town Meeting vote on the theory of invalid "contract zoning." While not phrasing his decision in terms of contract zoning, the trial court judge invalidated the Town Meeting vote. He viewed the offer of the gift as an extraneous consideration, because it was not defended as being in

mitigation of the impacts of the project, and therefore he concluded that it was "offensive to public policy."

On occasion, the SJC solicits the view of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association with regard to cases which relate to municipal law, and this was such a case. Therefore, on behalf of the Association, I filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief with the SJC in support of the Town Meeting vote to rezone the property.

The SJC reversed the trial court and stressed that at no time prior to the Town Meeting vote were the voters bound to approve the zoning change. A majority of the seven-member court noted that the meaning given to the term "contract zoning" has changed over time, and decided that in the absence of any infirmity other than the existence of a voluntary offer to make a gift to the town at some time in the future when the power plant became operative, the rezoning vote was valid.

The court provided a guideline when it stated that the enactment of such a zoning bylaw would not normally be undone unless the zoning regulation is arbitrary and unreasonable or substantially unrelated to the public health, safety or general welfare, and that such an analysis is not affected by consideration of the various possible motives that may have inspired the Town Meeting action.

At the 2002 Andover Annual Town Meeting, a rezoning article was challenged as being illegal contract zoning, and this case was mentioned in the debate at Town Meeting. The article was defeated. At the time, the trial court had ruled, but the SJC had not issued its decision. As of now, this case is the definitive ruling in Massachusetts for determining whether a zoning enactment is illegal "contract zoning."

Thomas J. Urbelis is Andover Town Counsel and a former president of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association.



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# Education

## ON CAMPUS

# Battling backpack overload

Lockers shelved as Pike School students park backpacks in new cubbies

Joshua Lawrence Allan Dynes of 42 Smithshire Estates was named to the dean's list for spring 2003.

Dynes, a member of the class of 2004 at Bentley College in Waltham, is an accounting major who this past summer participated in the summer externship program sponsored by Deloitte & Touche in Boston.

The dean's list recognizes high academic achievement during a single semester, including those undergraduate students with at least a 3.3 (B+) average and no grade below 2.0 (C).

The Massachusetts Bankers Association established a new scholarship foundation for the eligible children of bank employees. After asking for submissions in early spring, the foundation received 45 applications.

The MBA Scholarship Foundation Awards are open annually to entering college freshmen who are the children of full-time member-bank employees who have been employed at least two years.

Four winners received an award of \$1,500. In addition, the trustees of the MBA Scholarship Foundation elected to provide 10 honorable mention awards consisting of a \$200 savings bond to college-bound students who did well on the essay portion of the application.

Among the 2003 MBA Scholarship Foundation Award winners, one of the \$200 savings bond recipients is **Ashley H. Floreen** of Andover, the daughter of David E. Floreen, who works at the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Boston.

**Eric S. Chung** and **Diana M. Stapinski**, both of Andover, enrolled at Colby College this fall and, before classes began, took part in a week-long orientation. Included was an introduction to the academic program and the cultural life at Colby and a four-day orientation trip.

From Aug. 27 to 30 Chung participated in a camping and hiking trip in Maine's western mountains around Mount Blue State Park with about a dozen other students, including two returning students who were trip leaders.

Stapinski participated in a canoeing and camping trip with a similar group through the Belgrade Lakes chain of lakes in central Maine.

A graduate of Phillips Academy, Chung is the son of Michael and Insuk Chung of Andover.

A graduate of Pingree School, Stapinski is the daughter of Stephen and Patricia Stapinski of Andover.

Also at Colby College, **Alexis A. Caselle**, a senior, was named a George F. Baker Scholar for the 2003-04 academic year. The Baker scholar-

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By Judy Wakefield

AT PIKE SCHOOL, older students aren't carrying backpacks between classes this school year. It's no longer allowed.

Pike joins public middle schools in Andover where carrying backpacks to classes has been banned for years. Middle-schoolers in Andover park their backpacks in lockers and take what they need to classes, according to Bruce Maki, assistant principal at Doherty Middle School, and Kathleen Hammond, West Middle School principal.

But at Pike, a private school on Sunset Rock Road, the lockers have been removed and replaced with new cubby holes for students in grades 6 through 8.

The new rule is a result of a backpack study that was done at the school last year and is included in the just-published issue of *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice*. Thirty-four Pike fourth-graders took part in the study, which found Pike kids are like kids everywhere — they are weighed down with too many textbooks in their backpacks. Health officials find neck and back injuries are more common among kids who carry greater than 10 to 15 percent of their body weight in a backpack.

In the Pike study, at least one student carried a backpack that was twice the recommended amount. That backpack was 32 percent of the child's weight, equaling nearly 26-pound backpack for an 80-pound fourth-grader. Overall, the average Pike fourth-grade students were carrying 16 percent of their body weight in their backpacks.

Dr. Mary Ann Wilmarth of Andover, an assistant clinical specialist in Northeastern University's Department of Physical Therapy, conducted the Pike backpack study with colleague Dr. Timothy S. Hilliard. Wilmarth also served as guest editor of the *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice's* August issue.

"Backpacks are like a big hole for kids that they put anything into. And, it just gets

heavier and heavier," said Wilmarth, who is also the mother of three Pike students.

That is a common story at middle schools everywhere. Kids typically carry too much stuff in their backpacks.

The extra weight can cause headaches and back pain for the students. It also puts too much tension on muscles and joints throughout the body.

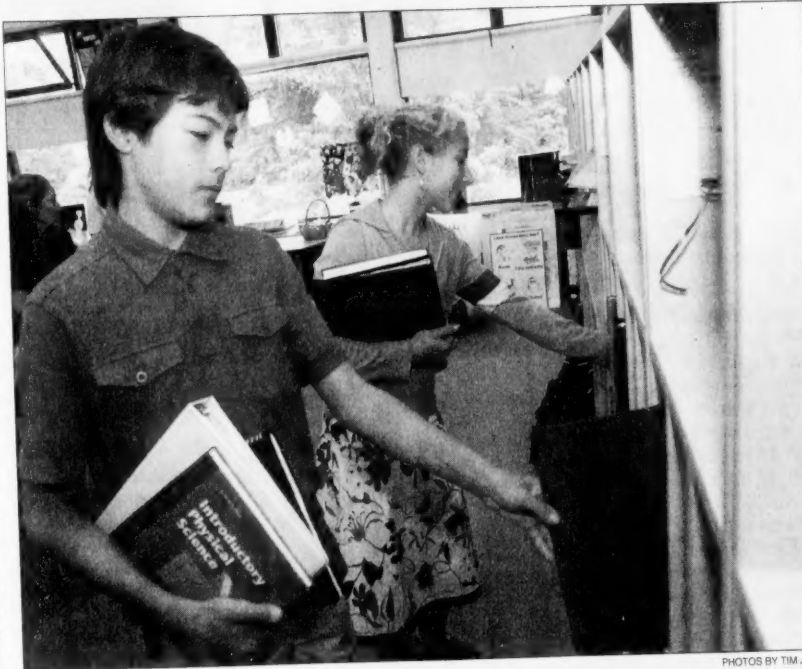
Pike parents sought to ease backpack overload by supporting the plan to remove lockers and install cubby holes. Michele Tissiére, head of Pike's upper school, said parents were concerned about potential neck and spine injuries. They strongly supported the "creative way" to combat the problem.

She would not say how much the school spent on

replacing lockers with cubby holes.

Now, students park their backpacks and line up their textbooks and notebooks on the top shelf of the spacious and exposed cubby holes.

"Students carry textbooks for three periods and then they get a break, return to the cubby and take books for the next three periods," explained



Julian Zeng and Lydia Dallett, both 13, retrieve books from their cubby holes to bring to class Monday, Sept. 15. Pike School has a ban on backpacks in the upper grades. Below, some students in grades 6 through 8 are getting more organized as a result of the ban. Lockers were removed and replaced with new cubby holes for students to store their belongings.



## Problem weighs on parents

Those who believe their child's backpack weighs much more than it should are not alone. Carrying too many books is a big problem, especially among middle-schoolers, according to those who study the issue.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 24, a crew of occupational therapists from Boston University will be in Andover to talk to kids about wearing and packing backpacks correctly. "Pack it light, wear it light," is the message from the 35 college students who will be at Wood Hill Middle School at 7 a.m. to talk about backpack awareness.

Andover occupational therapist Karen Jacobs, clinical professor at Boston University, said the crew will move to the playground at High Plain Elementary once school starts at Wood Hill.

"We'll be weighing backpacks and focusing on three things: picking a backpack correctly; packing it correctly; and wearing it correctly," she said.

Students from all schools are welcome to attend the weigh-in.

Tissiére. "Then it's lunch and they take one set of books."

She said students must be more organized now that they have cubbies instead of lockers. Whether this need for organization is a benefit or a problem is in the eye of the book holder.

That's the downside of the cubbies, according to eighth-grader Lydia Dallett of Andover, who said she used to carry everything in her backpack.

"I'm still adjusting," said the 13-year-old. "I forget things once in awhile."

Some adults see it differently.

"Organizational behavior has improved because students cannot carry everything," Tissiére said.

## WHAT'S UP

### AHS clubs still in limbo

By Kyra Auffermann

What's Up intern

With widely publicized budget cuts slashing the Andover school system's resources, many commodities previously taken for granted have been eliminated this year. Among the budget casualties was the money to run clubs at Andover High School.

In previous years, clubs at Andover High have allowed students to take part in a variety of interests, from Habitat for Humanity to ping-pong.

During the first few days of school this year, Principal Peter Anderson asked students at class assemblies to display their interest in maintaining the range of options previously given to students, by participate in an effort to raise needed money — specifically, \$30,000.

Since this announcement, about 10 students and several parents interested in helping to raise revenue have approached Anderson. No definite plans have been

made yet, however Anderson hopes to hold a meeting within the next few weeks.

"When you make a cut or decision, you have the immediate consequences and then the long-term issues," says Anderson. Since it is still so early in the year, the depth of the impact has not yet been felt by the student body.

"It's only the second week of school, and the clubs haven't really started yet," acknowledges AHS junior Tabitha Liversidge. "I do think that the cutbacks are a real shame. (Clubs) are a way for people to do things other than academics in school, and are a social opportunity."

Those interested in helping to raise funds or offer support can contact Andover High at 978-623-8600.

► *What's Up* is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: [jack@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:jack@andovertownsmen.com).

### Skate-a-thon celebrates memory of Paul King

By Tony Lombardi

Andover Youth Services

Skaters from all over Andover converged at the Andover Community Skate Park on Sunday, Sept. 14 to pay tribute to a special man in the hearts of the Andover and skate park communities. The Paul King Memorial Skate-a-Thon, a 10-hour skating event, was the first of what the skate park staff hopes will become an annual event that grows until King's dream of a 24-hour skate-a-thon can be realized.

The skating day began at 9 a.m. under beautiful blue skies. Skaters competed in a couple of skating events, including a high ollie contest, won by Dan Powers and a long-jump contest won by skateboarder Nathan Hass and in-line skater Devin Afshin.

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## ON CAMPUS

## ALEXIS CASELLE

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ships are awarded to students who exhibit outstanding qualities of character, responsibility and intellect with an expressed interest in entering a business career.

Caselle, of Andover, was one of 10 Colby students to receive a Baker scholarship at Colby this year. A graduate of Andover High School, Caselle is the daughter of Paul and Adrienne Caselle of Andover. She is majoring in international studies and economics at Colby. Baker Scholars are selected

at the end of their junior year at Colby and receive the award for their senior year. The scholarship honors George F. Baker, whose family helped develop US Steel, General Electric and AT&T. A trust was established in his name after his death in 1937, and the scholarship was started at Colby in 1970.

As a result of her academic record, Jessica Ostrowski has been placed on the 2002-03 William Smith College dean's list in Geneva, N.Y.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ostrowski Jr. of

14 Acropolis Circle.

**Samantha Rance**, 13, of Andover attended Stagedoor Manor this summer, a theater camp in the Catskills.

In each of the summer's three sessions, the youngsters, ages 8 to 17, spent three weeks rehearsing 11 shows, which are then performed for the public either at one of Stagedoor's five theaters or at one of the nearby Catskills resorts like The Raleigh or The Concord.

Samantha appeared in *Waiting in the Wings*.

**Tanya Chadha**, a Andover resident and freshman at American University, participated in a community service project in which freshman students contributed more than 10,000 hours of service at 36 sites around the Washington, D.C. area.

Chadha, a recent graduate of Andover High School, volunteered with Clagget Farm, an organization that works to bring nutritious and fresh produce to communities of all income levels throughout Washington.

More than 550 American University students participated in the Freshman Service Experience (FSE), which orients students to community service in Washington, D.C. and to college life at American University, from Aug. 19-21. Students served meals, helped teachers organize classrooms for the new school year, removed trash at local and national parks, and performed office work for community service organizations.

**Jennifer Lambert**, daughter of Michael and Susan Lambert of 6 Larchmont Circle, has been named to the dean's list for the 2003 spring semester at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

Dean's list students have attained a grade-point average of 3.30 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

A 1999 graduate of Andover High School, Lambert has a major in occupational therapy.

She is also president of the University of New England Occupational Therapy Association.

## Harvest Fest planned at High Plain Elementary

High Plain Elementary will hold its annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., featuring crafts, food and fun.

High Plain PTO is continuing to collect the one-time fundraiser fee of 50 per family for anyone who still wishes to contribute. Send checks, payable to High Plain PTO, to Sue Hunter, 4 Fun Flight Circle, Andover 01810.

## WHAT'S UP



Pictured from left at Sunday's Paul King Memorial Skate-a-Thon at the Andover Community Skate Park are: (standing) Dave Bradley, J.J. Huggins, Ronnie Hatem, Tony Lombardi, Norma King (Paul King's wife), Catherine Harris (Paul's mother), Jason Newman and Keith Milliken. In front are Nathan Hass and Joey Comeau.

## Skate-a-thon celebrates memory of Paul King

### SKATE PARK MEMORIAL

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Rain cut the remaining skate events short, but the spirit of the day continued with a hamburger-eating contest and community karaoke lead by Dave Bradley and Ryan Mann.

Participants and spectators were treated to great skate competition, a barbecue, and great music all day.

The Paul King Memorial Skate-a-Thon was organized as a special day to commemorate the energy and passion that Paul brought to the skate park. Skaters from Andover took the initiative to ask the community to help make this day special.

In the weeks leading up to the Skate-a-Thon, skaters were out in their neighborhoods spreading Paul's message and asking for donations for the park. Through their efforts and donations made on the day of the event, the Andover community

helped to raise more than \$3,500 for the Paul King Memorial. The money will be used to build a new ramp in Paul King's name.

Skaters were asked to bring drawings and ideas for the new ramp. These designs will be judged by the skate park staff, and the winning design will be transformed into the new Paul King Memorial ramp.

The staff at the Andover Community Skate Park and Andover Youth Services acknowledged everyone who participated and attended this event, especially the King family, including Paul's wife and mother.

The first annual Paul King Memorial Skate-a-Thon was the beginning of what will become a yearly fundraiser for the park and a way for the community of Andover to come together and remember a man who gave his all to everyone and everything.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Sept. 22-26:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Fish-and-chips, pizza stick with soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets with puffs, carrots, cranberry sauce and milk.

**Tuesday:** Pastrami on a roll, waffles with ham, slice of pizza, hash browns, blueberries and milk.

**Wednesday:** Cheeseburger with puffs, baked chicken nuggets, spaghetti with marinara sauce, peas, pears and milk.

**Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese, french toast with sausage, bakery pizza, green beans, peaches and milk.

**Friday:** Tuna salad sandwich with chips, mozzarella sticks, corn dog on a stick, potato puffs, milk and apple crisp.

### Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** Steak and cheese sub, pizza stick with soft pretzel, nachos with chicken and cheese sauce.

**Tuesday:** Roast turkey dinner, two hot dogs with chips, barbecued rib sandwich, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two tacos with salsa, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool and sugar cookie.

**Thursday:** Roast pork dinner, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Baked stuffed shells, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

### Secondary schools

**Monday:** Chicken McSchool with chips, American chop suey, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Roast turkey with stuffing, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two tacos with salsa, spaghetti and meat sauce, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and sugar cookie.

**Thursday:** Roast pork dinner, chicken parm sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Beef-and-cheese sub with chips, rotini and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

## AFS LEADER HONORED



The American Field Service (AFS) recently paid a special tribute to one of its most contributing members. Ginny Cohen of Andover received the "Award for Exceptional Performance and Service" as a tribute to her efforts on behalf of AFS students here and abroad. Cohen has served as Andover High School AFS liaison for the past four years, in addition to fulfilling her duties as area team coordinator with the North Shore/New Hampshire District. She has been a host parent to six AFS students, a sending mom twice, and a "surrogate mother" to all AFSers and club members whom she has welcomed to her home on numerous occasions. Organizers said, "She above all has demonstrated a dedication to the spirit of AFS to promote a better understanding among people through international and intercultural programs." Cohen, shown receiving her award from AFS club president Pat O'Neil, lives at 15 Blackberry Lane with husband Dana and their daughters Rachel and Laura.

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# Opinion

## Police must follow law, too

THOSE WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE of the investigation of Randall Peterson, a former Andover police officer, say there are "mitigating circumstances" surrounding Peterson's alleged decision to write fake prescriptions. Of course, he is innocent until proven guilty.

However, Police Chief Brian Pattullo was correct to place Peterson on administrative leave as soon as he learned his 25-year officer was being investigated by the Methuen Police Department. Peterson retired shortly thereafter. If Peterson is found guilty of this felony, the town retirement board should reconsider giving Peterson his full pension.

The possibility that police officers are committing crimes must always be addressed soberly. Police officers are sworn to uphold the law, not break it.

When people decide to put on a police uniform, they enter a sacred trust. Officers do a great deal of the dirty work that keeps our society running. They should be granted respect for the difficult job they perform. But if they break their oath to uphold the law, if they break their sacred trust with the public, they must be given something more than a golden parachute.

A court of law will determine if this Andover officer broke the law by allegedly writing fake prescriptions on a number of different dates. There should be no rush to judgment. But officers who break the law should not be treated differently than other criminals.

Because officers who break the law are no longer serving as police officers at all.

### Web question

#### Saturday afternoon or nighttime?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

The town is considering a pay-as-you-throw trash system that could cost residents \$1.50 per bag, to generate revenues for the town. Who should decide if the program is a good fit for Andover?

The question sparked the most response of any Web question in several months, with 95 people voting.

9, or 9 percent, said, "Let the selectmen handle it."

31, or 33 percent, said, "Residents are the ones affected by this. Take it to Town Meeting so we can all have a say."

52, or 55 percent, said, "Can the idea. It's going to be too much trouble for residents."

3, or 3 percent, said, "Other."

This week's Web-site question:

Selectmen are considering Saturday afternoon times for next spring's Town Meeting. Which of the options on the table would you prefer?

- Start meeting on Monday, April 26, continue on Tuesday, April 27 and wrap up on Monday and Tuesday of the following week, May 3 and 4, if necessary.

- Start Monday, April 26, continue on Saturday, May 1, followed by Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, if necessary.

- Start Saturday, May 1, continue on Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, leaving Monday, May 10 as the final day if needed.

To cast a vote, surf to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com).

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Mike Bellia picks some corn on Tuesday at Bellia's "Micro" Farm Stand a drive-in, a self-service, honor-system farm stand on Chandler Road.

### LETTERS

#### Library cover charge next?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The trash-bag fee would be a brazen and burdensome end-run around tax-hike limitations. It would add roughly \$100 to every property owner's annual bill, except for those who start putting their trash in commercial dumpsters or heaving it onto deserted roadsides. It also would provide a feast for night-time critters who love to tear apart trash bags that aren't in rolling plastic barrels.

What's next: \$1 cover charge at the library? Fifty dollar tokens for police and fire response? Tollbooths on Main Street? Pay-per-view on the town's cable TV channel?

I'd happily pay the \$1.50 once... to bag up this bad idea.

Bob Frishman  
53 Poor St.

#### Recycling money

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As the director of the Product Stewardship Institute at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, which is dedicated to reducing the health and environmental impacts from consumer products, I was pleased at the state legislature's foresight in overriding Gov. Mitt Romney's veto of recycling funds for the fiscal year 2004 budget. I would like to praise Rep. Barry Finegold in particular for his leadership on this crucial issue. I was present in the House chambers when Finegold led the persuasive arguments in favor of passing the bill.

At a time when we are contemplating a number of difficult fiscal scenarios, from reducing Medicaid benefits to closing fire stations, supporting recycling grants does not seem like the most obvious battle to pick. Yet these grants, along with many other programs which we design and implement, will lower municipal costs, decrease health risks, and protect our communities from pollution. Recycling is not simply a quality of life luxury only to be afforded in times of plenty, but really a preventive measure designed to protect the community so that all citizens can enjoy it.

Scott Cassel, Director  
Product Stewardship Institute  
University of Massachusetts  
Lowell

#### About 'The Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is [www.hudson-vanloo.ca](http://www.hudson-vanloo.ca) and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.



Neil Fater

Prior to Game 1 of this season, the last time the New England Patriots were shut out was in 1993, in a game against the N.Y. Jets. That game was played in a near monsoon. Rain was blowing sideways. Water was literally shooting out of holes in the concrete walls of old Foxboro Stadium. All in all, it was not the best experience for fans.

But when Pats fans head to the one-year-old Gillette Stadium for the home opener this Sunday – again against the Jets – they won't have to worry about anything but the game on the field. Hurricane Isabel might have trouble making Gillette Stadium look leaky.

And the fans have Andover resident Bernie Morrissey to thank for it.

Morrissey, a member of the School Building Committee for Andover's two newest schools, was also the executive in charge of the day-to-day aspects of the Gillette Stadium construction. He works for the company Skanska, which formed a joint venture with Barton Malow to build the project. A football fan, he admits to stopping occasionally on the playing field "to imagine what it's like when you have 68,000 crazy people in the stands."

While the stadium has won awards and received praise, building it wasn't always as easy as, say, beating this year's Bears.

"The project did give me some gray hair. It was trying to get it done within the tight timeline that we had," he says. "We only had 25 months from the time we signed the contract until the time we were supposed to have the bottom part of the facility open for soccer."

Two months later, the entire facility had to be ready for the Super Bowl-winning Patriots, who would have the eyes of the football-loving nation upon them.

So about 100 different contractors and 1,000 different workers tackled the job with the abandon of a special teams specialist.

"A project of that size and scale could not have been accomplished without a team," says Morrissey. "There were many times during the course of the job when the gears weren't meshing exactly right."

For instance, the equipment delivered to heat the construction site during the winter was defective. But a local company, Cambridgeport Air, designed, built and delivered special new equipment within eight weeks – an unheard of accomplishment. Morrissey thought of different ways to lay the foundation that could save both time and money.

"As a team of contractors working to achieve a goal, it was the best collaborative effort I've ever seen in my career," says Morrissey.

Why did that happen? Morrissey lists several reasons. "Pride in the region. Their team. Being affiliated with a project that was such a unique project. They wanted to say, 'I'm a part of that,'" he says.

The construction workers will always be a part of the stadium. They wrote their names onto a steel beam that is now part of the upper northwest corner of the stadium. Patriots players and even the NFL commissioner signed the beam, too.

Morrissey enjoyed seeing the first game played at the new stadium last year, when the Patriots Super Bowl banner was unveiled.

"It was a great game, but I thought the Patriots organization had constructed quite an event for the fans," he said. "(I remember) just walking around and hearing people's comments. Just about to a person, people were excited and pleased with the project."

It's true that fans were overjoyed to see a real stadium. You know, one without water shooting out of the walls.

"Certainly everyone shared your sentiments for the old stadium," said Morrissey. "Just pouring foundation concrete for the new stadium cost more than the entire old stadium cost."

When the Patriots play this Sunday, Morrissey will not be at the game. Turns out, the overseer of Gillette Stadium construction is actually a Washington Redskins fan. "I was born and raised in the area of the Washington Redskins and always maintained my allegiance to the Redskins. And I told Jonathan Kraft (son of the Patriots' owner) that," said Morrissey.

Somehow, Kraft found a way to forgive him. He must have been at that monsoon game against the Jets.

Neil Fater is editor of the *Andover Townsmen*. He can be reached by e-mail at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com).

### THE THURSDAY FILE

You may delay, but time will not.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

A paranoiac, like a poet, is born, not made.

LUIS BUNUEL

Gluttony is a great fault; but we do not necessarily dislike a glutton. We only dislike the glutton when he becomes a gourmet – that is, we only dislike him when he not only wants the best for himself, but knows what is best for other people.

G.K. CHESTERTON

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

MARK TWAIN

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Anger is a killing thing; it kills the man who angers, for each rage leaves him less than he had been before – it takes something from him.

LOUIS L'AMOUR

In my friend, I find a second self.

ISABEL NORTON

#### The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

#### Best quotation sent

If our brain was simple enough for us to understand it, we would not be smart enough to do so.

ROBERT KALL



## LETTERS

## Pay per trash bag does not confront spending issues, slams taxpayers

Editor, Townsman:

A new trash program that will charge residents \$1.50 per bag is being considered by Andover's Strategic Planning Task Force. This program is not only controversial, it is another in a long list of recent tax increases our town leaders are asking taxpayers to assume. Not only have our taxes increased every year since I moved to Andover in 1999, there are numerous other fees that are continually being passed onto taxpayers. Now that my children are just starting to enter their school years, there are more fees than I can keep up with. Between the bus fees, activity fees and athletic fees, to name a few, I don't know how I will afford to put three children through Andover public schools for the 13 years each. In addition, there has been recent talk about raising water rates, and town sewer is soon going through my neighborhood, which will cost me more than \$15,000 initially and more in taxes each year.

Now they want to gouge us for our trash. All we have to do is look to our neighboring town of North Reading to see how that program failed. Having many friends and relatives who live there, I know that residents loathed this program and were angered by its inconvenience. Trash does not always fit in tidy colored bags and if the trash was not bundled to the collector's liking, it was often left by the curbside to clutter the streets, tip over, or blow away. In North Reading's case, residents were required to purchase stickers to place on their trash which led to all kinds of fraudulent activity and a profitable black market for some savvy residents. It also encouraged illegal dumping of trash and caused problems with recycling as many non-recyclable items were now mixed in. The town eventually "dumped" the idea.

It angers me to think that our town leaders immediately contemplate a fee increase to resi-

dents as a solution to these issues. Within the last year, the Townsman has reported on the outrageous salaries of our police and fire employees, about town vehicle expenses that appear out of control, and countless other questionable items within the town budget. Meanwhile, teaching positions are being cut and many educational, athletic and music programs are gone or greatly reduced. They are even talking about canceling the 4th of July fireworks. But somehow a new state-of-the-art police station is complete and an enormous safety center is being built that replaces a building that was one of the town's youngest. Town employees drive by my house in some of the nicest vehicles imaginable, yet it took until September for them to finally sweep my street of the sand from last winter. There are too many questionable expenses to list, starting with the running town joke about the ill-advised purchase of the hovercraft that cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. Yet our taxes continue to go up as my payments are already 17.5 percent higher than there were in 1999 and I estimate it will increase to well over 20 percent once the final 2004 tax bills are mailed out.

I am sure that if the town leaders do the just thing to act sensibly and responsibly, they will come up with a better way to avoid this fee and others like it. They certainly don't have to dig very far beneath the surface of the town budget to find waste and other questionable expenses to cut. If they fail to and this article comes up for a Town Meeting vote, I strongly urge residents to reject it. Do not give our town leaders an easy way out! They should be scrutinizing the town budget or discussing creative solutions rather than relying on the knee-jerk reaction of simply sticking it to the poor taxpayers one more time.

Paul J. Reppucci  
1 Arcadia Road

## Pay As You Throw idea will cost taxpayers less, not more

Editor, Townsman:

The Pay as You Throw (PAYT) approach to trash service does not cost more — it costs less. Experience from municipalities throughout Massachusetts and across the US, over many years, consistently has demonstrated trash disposal costs to the community as a whole decrease under PAYT.

How can this be? Increased recycling and waste reduction efforts by residents always reduce the amount of trash disposed, dropping total disposal costs. For example, grass clippings and leaves can be left on the lawn or in the woods rather than bagged for the trash truck. When asked to pay full fare for their own trash fees, rather than being subsidized by other taxpayers, people willingly and enthusiastically figure out ways to reduce their bills. Human nature prevails. The PAYT model is a great example of a market solution to a universal problem, with individuals' enlightened self-interest leading to societal benefits: lower disposal costs, less trash being burned (with fewer emissions from the incinerator), increased recycling, and more equitable matching of costs paid to costs incurred.

So why is PAYT invariably perceived to cost more? PAYT can be designed to be revenue neutral or a revenue enhancer, depending on whether (or how much) the town's trash budget is reduced relative to the new

fees. This is a decision for the town's residents and selectmen. In Andover's case, the topic currently is being raised by a committee setting out to find new sources of funds, indicating the context here.

I stand behind no one in my distaste for new taxes, but if revenue must be increased, a trash fee is preferable to simply raising taxes. Why? Because at least with a trash fee, residents have some control over how much they will pay. Those motivated to do so can recycle more, compost yard waste and kitchen scraps, and otherwise creatively take simple steps not available to avoid a general tax increase. The incentives are right, and the means are available to all.

One other point: contrary to the impression left by last week's page 1 article, the town's recycling costs would not increase under a PAYT program, but rather would fall. The town pays an annual fixed fee for recycling services, but gets a market-price rebate based on the amount of paper collected. Last year's rebate was more than \$31,000. This is yet another reason to recycle, since our trash disposal costs increase proportionately with weight thrown away. So, no matter one's position on the current issue of PAYT, increasing recycling and reducing trash production will save precious tax dollars for more important priorities.

James T. Curtis  
24 Chester St.

## Given economy, are stalls a priority?

Editor, Townsman:

My grown children will be among the first generation who will not be able to live in the town they were brought up in, due to soaring real estate prices and taxes. Unemployment has hit the middle and upper middle class in unprecedented numbers. There was an article on the front page of last week's Townsman regarding a charge for

trash pick up over and above our sky-high taxes. Does it really make sense to spend money this year replacing toilet stalls in our schools to eliminate graffiti (Town Talk item, page 11)?

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## POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – At 10:28 a.m., Milvio Santana, 39, of 256 Essex St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with obstructing an emergency vehicle and driving with a suspended license.

At 6:19 p.m., Derek Couture, 20, of 109 Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. He was also wanted on a warrant for assault and battery.

Thursday, Sept. 11 – At 12:29 p.m., Michael McKeon, 47, of 105 Lakeview Ave., Waltham, was arrested and charged with having an open container of liquor in the car and possessing marijuana.

Friday, Sept. 12 – At Garrett Morrow, 20, of 92 Beacon St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving with a revoked license from a drunk driving offense.

At 4:42 p.m., Kevin Brennan, 39, of 60 Jenkins Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member. According to the log, Brennan's girlfriend called the police station saying he was throwing her out and was going to burn her belongings. The police reported that she was allegedly intoxicated when she called. Brennan later called in a complaint to have police remove the girlfriend. When police arrived, she had lacerations on her face and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Saturday, Sept. 13 – At 2:45 p.m., a 15-year-old Chicago girl was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a Main Street business.

Sunday, Sept. 14 – At 8:34 p.m.,

Felix Rodriguez, 40, of 22 Blanchard St., was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, attaching the wrong plates to his car, driving without insurance, driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle and a lights violation.

Monday, Sept. 15 – At 11:31 a.m., Scott Hayes, 29, of 24 Railroad St., Methuen was arrested and charged on a warrant for forging and passing a check.

At 11:56 a.m., Daniel Herman, 49, of 324 Prospect St., Franklin, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, speeding and impeding operation.

At 5:34 p.m., Anthony Cruz, 25, of 35 Common St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle and driving with a revoked license.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 – At 12:31 p.m., James Sorenson, 36, of 15 Stockton Drive, Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years old.

At 1:12 p.m., Robert Tobin, 41, of 5 Valatie St., Gloucester, was arrested and charged on a warrant for multiple traffic violations.

At 7:20 p.m., Karen Buxton, 42, of 274 Easy High St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant as a fugitive from justice. She was wanted for bank robbery.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – At 4:16 p.m., a man reported his cell phone stolen at a bank.

At 8:54 p.m., a woman reported her wallet stolen from her purse.

## Allegedly stolen car

## ARREST

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Lowell Street and the Mobil station are known by police to be a hot spot for drug trafficking, which has police attentive to suspicious behavior, Pattullo said.

"We've been trying to cut down on the drug activity," Pattullo said.

The pay phones were recently removed from Mobil.

The empty booths still stand, but Pattullo said eliminating those phones, which some dealers used to make phone calls, will be a step toward making the gas station a less attractive spot for drug deals. Pattullo said Mobil had asked for the phones to be removed.

"It will help. It will cut down a little bit," said Pattullo. "We're trying to work with the owner to stop drug activity."

Thursday, Sept. 11 – At 10:01 a.m., an Elm Square caller reported two wallets stolen.

At 6:57 p.m., a woman reported her wallet stolen from her purse in Elm Square.

At 11:34 p.m., a Chandler Road resident reported that an acquaintance stole her calling card number and charged more than \$1,000 in calls on it.

Saturday, Sept. 13 – At 8:04 a.m., a worker on Jordyn Lane reported items missing from the house he was working on.

Monday, Sept. 15 – At 10:03 a.m., a resident reported the theft of a laptop.

At 3:40 p.m., a Walnut Avenue man reported that someone stole \$36,000 from his bank account.

At 5:47 p.m., a Partridge Hill Road reported antiques stolen.

## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – At 12:43 p.m., a Coderre Way resident reported a possible wolf-sighting.

She said she was nervous because she had young kids. An officer did not see the animal.

At 3:14 p.m., a shoplifter was reported on Main Street.

At 9:49 p.m., three officers responded to a report of a woman screaming. The screaming was coming from a mother yelling at her son for not learning his spelling.

Thursday, Sept. 11 – At 1:57 p.m., a Linwood Street resident reported a very sick squirrel on her front lawn.

Friday, Sept. 12 – At 7:45 p.m., a female came into the station to report that she had been assaulted.

Between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m., there were two reports of kids throwing objects at cars on Main Street and North Main Street.

At 11:45 p.m., there was a report of a 25-year-old male who was unconscious from a drug overdose. He was conscious when police arrived and was transported to the hospital.

—COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The fate of 17-19 Barnard St. remains to be seen.

## No plans yet for fire building

It's been 11 weeks since a fire destroyed a downtown building on Barnard Street and there are no plans to knock it down.

Fire Chief Charles Murnane said the building at 17-19 Barnard St. was severely damaged on its left side during the June 30 early morning fire. But, the right side, which housed Harkins Real Estate for many years, was not as badly damaged. He said the fire department has concluded its investigation of the fire which started in the Andover Livery office and

was caused by careless smoking.

The fire department does not know if the building owner, Lally Real Estate Trust, plans to demolish or fix-up the building. Lally also owns the building next door which formerly housed Hometown Seafoods. That building has been vacant for months.

Attempts to reach Lally Real Estate were unsuccessful as nobody picks up the phone at the office and there is no answering machine.

—Judy Wakefield

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Sculpting in her genes

Fun, finger-snapping wooden figures mix with creepy Gothic tension in Andover sculptor's exhibit

By Judy Wakefield

It's opening week for Andover sculptor Pat Keck's exhibit at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park and time is of the

essence.

She's got no time to talk about her unique and creative wood figurines exhibit that just opened at the Lincoln museum. On top of just transporting several pieces to the show — she said it took four or five truckloads to move the items from her Andover studio — her mother, Margaret Keck, also of Andover, was admitted to Lahey Clinic this week.

"My mother is fine, but it's something else I am dealing with on top of everything else," said the artist, who carves wood from her backyard on Harold Parker Road to make her unique art pieces. "There's a lot going on right now."

Keck has relied on the generosity of several collectors, who have loaned their pieces to further enhance her show. It's been a thrilling, but nerve-wracking experience, to get the show off the ground.

Keck, 47, suggested museum officials talk about the show for now.

Entitled "Puppets, Ghosts, and Zombies: The Sculpture of Pat Keck," the show includes many mechanical, colorful wooden sculptures that come alive. Viewers can interact with them.

Curator Nick Capasso described the collection this way in the museum catalog: "She carves human figures from wood that look a great deal like marionettes. They are frontal, colorful, and usually symmetrical, with severely stylized anatomies and striking features that are intentionally androgynous. They wear snazzy costumes and shoes, and sport outrageous hairdos — all designed and made by the artist.

Most have jointed limbs, like puppets, and many look like they are ready to get up and go. Others, to the delight of audiences, actually do move, through simple mechanical interactive devices like hand-cranked or foot pedals, or via more complicated means like electrical motors and digital technology. The sculptures are undeniably attractive: finely crafted, precisely engineered and beautiful."

Sculpting is clearly in Keck's genes, as her late grandfather, Charles Keck, was an American sculptor who created statues and mon-



uments around the country. He also served as president of the National Sculpture Society. Pat Keck also draws inspiration from an uncle, John Keck, who was a set and costume designer at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

These days, she works most closely with her father, James Keck, a nuclear physicist and retired MIT professor of mechanical engineering. He advises his daughter whenever her art pieces need moving parts. Pat Keck lives



Pat Keck: Portrait of the artist as a young chainsaw surgeon. At left: "Red Handed Man." Below right, "Answer Man."

with her parents in Andover.

Meanwhile, her brother, Robert Keck, a computer scientist, assists with the digital technology.

This exhibit is most certainly a family project, and Pat Keck said she would have never pulled it off without their support.

Meanwhile, Capasso said the family's team effort pays off handsomely, as this collection of wooden sculpture is just plain fun for the audience.

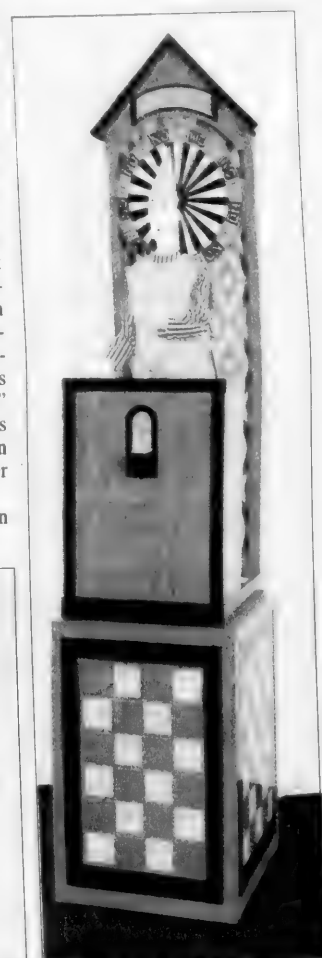
"Keck's figures shake, do the moonwalk, tap their fingers, flip hourglasses and play the drums and the piano," Capasso said.

But he also encourages viewers to take a second, closer look at these wooden figures. Several figures are much more repulsive than the moonwalking or finger-snapping figures. He cites two physically trapped wooden men in this exhibit — "Man in a Small House" and "Big Head" — when he talks about Keck's ability to mix in some "creepy tension" with her numerous entertainment pieces.

"Keck creates a creepy tension

between entertainment and fright, like gothic fiction or a good horror flick," according to Capasso.

This very large exhibit, which is spread across some 45,000 square feet at the museum, opened last Sunday and runs through Jan. 18.



### Puppets, Ghosts, and Zombies: The Sculpture of Pat Keck

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, September 18

Cub Scout registration, Cub Scout Pack 77 and Cub Scout Pack 79 will be holding registration night, High Plain Elementary cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Charles Nickerson 978-475-7161, or [Cnicker@aol.com](mailto:Cnicker@aol.com); or committee chairman Reid Simpson

at 978-475-1973, or [reid.simpson@comcast.net](mailto:reid.simpson@comcast.net); Pack 79: Kevin Roselle at 978-688-5682, or [kroselle@umich.edu](mailto:kroselle@umich.edu).

Drop-in, the Newcomers Club of the Andovers is hosting a fall social "Drop-in," \$10, 7-10 p.m., adult residents of Andover and North

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Tomorrow night, Friday, there will be an opening reception for several fall exhibits at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy. Above: Fred Wilson's "Mine/Yours," 1995, painted ceramics, photograph, text, Collection of Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. Call the Addison at 978-749-4015.

## Artists are ready to exhibit in the Park

By Andrea Gregory

ART IN THE PARK, the Andovers Artists Guild's annual show, will display the rich creations of local artists on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Park next to Town Offices on Bartlett Street. The event gives local artists exposure — and occasionally a nice story.

Local artist Janet Hamlin tells the story of an Andover father who bought one of Hamlin's prints at an Art in the Park.

"He looked at it and got very quiet, then said, 'I have to send this to my daughter,'" Hamlin says.

The man told her that she had painted a favorite spot of his, frequented many times by the man and his daughter. The daughter was away at college and the man missed her. Hamlin did not need to hear any details to know she had touched someone. She believed it was not just a picture she had sold. It was a happy time she was able to capture for an Andover father and, possibly, a homesick daughter. She has never forgotten that sale.

"My artwork is very approachable," Hamlin says. "They can appreciate both the art and the memories these places hold."

Hamlin specializes in watercolors and aims to capture bits and pieces of Andover.



Janet Hamlin works on a watercolor painting for Saturday's Art in the Park.

"Andover has absolutely been my focus," she says, naming the many structures she has painted in town.

When asked how long she has been an artist, Hamlin laughs a little. "I think most artists would probably say, 'All my life,'" she says, but she admits she took some time off.

Hamlin was an art major at Hamilton

College in upstate New York, at the time doing mostly sculptures. She left the art world after college and entered the Manhattan work force, pursuing a career in the retail industry. Hamlin believes she would have rediscovered art in some form eventually, but says it was the move to Andover six years ago that returned

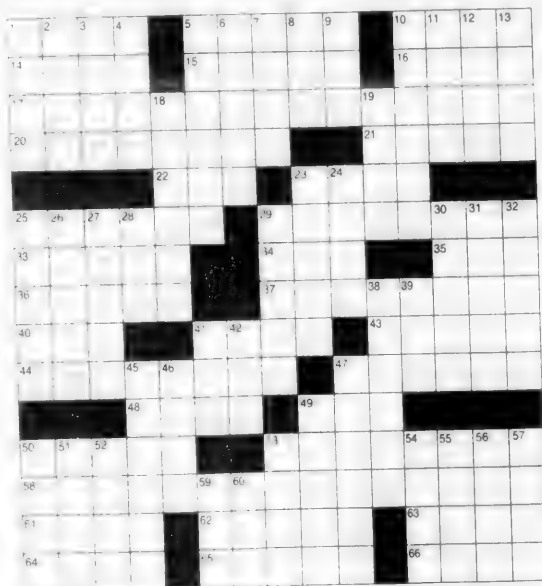
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Soft-finned fish
5. Divide
10. Bottom-feeding fish
14. Gambling town
15. Representation of Mary mourning Christ
16. Hebrew calendar month
17. Confidentially
20. Frying pans
21. Saucy
22. Minnesota town
23. "James and the Giant Peach" author
25. Device designed to prevent injury
29. Willy Loman
33. To make smooth
34. Single unit
35. Type of stock offering
36. Gowns
37. Hinged, usually on one side
40. Compass pt. midway between east and southeast
41. Price incentive
43. Dubois, French naturalist
44. Electro-acoustic transducer
47. Midwestern state
48. Romanian city
49. Autonomic nervous system, abbr.
50. An outsider
53. Rushing
58. High roller, slang
61. Siberian river
62. Enne, for one
63. Complex red organic pigment



- containing iron  
64. Dried leaves of the hemp plant  
65. In a way, renders  
66. Smallest manganer and most expert diver

## CLUES DOWN

1. Shapes into a sphere
2. Look furtively

3. Opposed to a policy, attitude, etc.
4. Cry loudly
5. Moving quickly
6. Disease marked by spots
7. King's bench reports (British)
8. Hirobumi, Japanese Prime Minister
9. Follows sigma
10. Arteries

11. Tots up
12. Forces
13. Animals hunted for food or sport
18. In a way, stirs
19. Arthur, tennis champion
23. Mother of Perseus
24. Brews
25. A brief indulgence
26. Shad
27. More long
28. The compass pt. midway between northeast and east
29. Supports a wall
30. Presences
31. Transient cessation of breathing
32. Distinctions
38. Blackboard or ink
39. Males
41. Distress signal
42. Black tropical cuckoo
45. Italian Renaissance paintings
46. Loloish
47. In a way, is in a resting position
49. Disgust
50. Materials
51. Treat with calcium oxide
52. Ignores
53. Sound unit
54. Dashes
55. An individual unit
56. Alaskan town
57. Maturated
59. Thousand cubic feet, abbr.
60. Cologne

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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Andover are invited, Lanam Club, 260 Main St., RSVP Kelly Sadowski 978-258-1433 or Karen Clark 978-258-1511.

**Live music,** Beau Paris, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Live music,** Judy Collins, \$28-\$35, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Support group,** Merrimack Valley Hospice is offering a program on bereavement entitled *Myths about Grief: Realities of Mourning*, free, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover; 978-681-0860, www.merrimackvalley-hospice.org.

**Live music,** Causeway, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Monster Mike Welch and Barry Anderson, \$10, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Opening,** Merrimack Repertory Theater presents *Three Songs*, playing through Oct. 12, Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. A variety of season-ticket packages as well as single tickets ranging in price from \$16.00-\$39.00 are currently available through the box office at 978-654-7554.

## Friday, September 19

**Opening reception,** Fred Wilson: *Objects and Installations, and Chance Encounters: (Un) Selected Works from the Addison Collection*, free, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

**Gallery talk,** Fred Wilson, exhibiting artist, free, 5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

**Shakespeare,** Northern Essex Community College's, The Fringe Players, presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" Andover residents include director John Sefel, and Cheri Reina-Thunstrom on stage crew and technical staff, \$10; \$8 for students and seniors, 8 p.m., Top Notch Theater, Haverhill Campus; Murphy at 978 556-3374.

**Live music,** Evan Goodrow Band, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Live comedy,** Kevin Knox, Kelly MacFarland, EJ Murphy, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Bake sale,** Pines of Tewksbury is hosting a bake sale, 9 a.m., proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-657-0800.

**Live music,** Clutch Grabwell, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Jazz with Mike Cesari, no cover, 8:30-11 p.m., the Tap Restaurant, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-1117.

**Live music,** Ellis Paul, two shows, \$18-\$20, 7 and 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

## Saturday, September 20

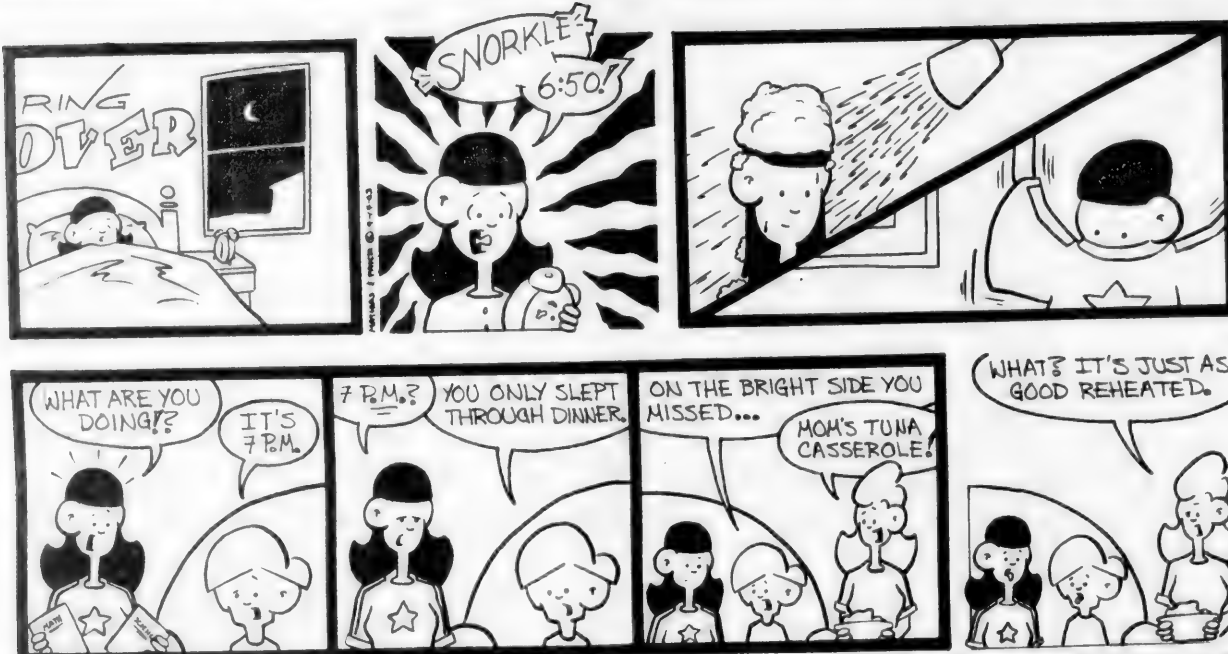
**Andover Art in the Park,** sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild, free, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date is Sunday, Sept. 21) featuring fine art in all mediums for show and sale, in the Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets; Diane Butler, Andover Art in the Park Committee 978-475-9342.

**Know Your Town Fair,** postponed to Sept. 20, sponsored by the League of Women Voters' learn about different opportunities and organizations in town, 9 a.m. to noon, outside the Town Offices on Bartlet Street, held in conjunction with the nearby Andovers Artists Guild's Art in the Park event; to participate, call Diane Costagliola 978-470-0942.

**Organic Lawn Care Class,** a class for homeowners entitled *Simple Steps Towards Organic Fall Lawn* Continued on page 13

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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Care, jointly sponsored by the Andover/North Andover the North Reading Leagues of Women Voters, the Andover and North Reading Health and Water Departments, and People for the Environment, based in North Andover, \$5, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library.

**Reception,** American Textile History Museum and Fashion Group International,



Lucian Perkins

Boston host an Evening of Fabulous Fashion, "Runway Madness! The Party" the American Textile History Museum reception celebrates a new exhibit, *Runway Madness! The fashion photography of Lucian Perkins*, \$40, \$35 members, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. guests will have a chance to meet Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post photojournalist Lucian Perkins, mingle and view the *Runway Madness!* exhibition, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400 Ext. 246, www.athm.org.

**Music and Prayer,** Temple Emanuel begins the high holy day season with a concert and prayer, 8 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, this program is open to all who wish to attend; 978-470-1356.

**Tryouts,** the Warrior Basketball Club will be holding a tryout for its 14U Girls AAU team 9-11:30 a.m., and on Tuesday, September 23, from 7-9 p.m., Wood Hill Middle School; contact Jim Tildsley, 978-470-1128, or Leo Burke 781-233-0337.

**Book signing and workshop,** Ellen Tadd author of *Death and Letting Go* will hold workshop, \$35, 1-3:30 p.m., wherein she will discuss her new book and a book signing from 3:30-4 p.m., Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St.; 978-474-8010.

**Fundraising,** MSPCA hosts annual Horses Helping Horses horsemen and women will come together to horseback ride trails in Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield, registration is at 9 a.m., ride out time at 10 a.m.; participants gather pledges to raise money that goes directly to support the programs of the MSPCA Equine Center at Nevins Farm, to register contact Brenda Hess-McAkill 978-687-7453 Ext. 115, or e-mail bhess-mcaskill@mspcanet.org.

**Live music,** Mike Tebo Band, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Open house,** Rock of Ages, a memorialization and professional memorial design, studio, will host an open house in its newly remodeled state-of-the-art design studio, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 466 Merrimack St., Methuen 978-686-4312, www.rockofages.com.

**Open studios,** Shoe City Open Studios, visit Haverhill and Bradford artists working in a wide range of mediums, public invited into their studios, noon-5 p.m.; 508-633-0922, openstudios@verizonmail.com.

**Live comedy,** Kevin Knox, Kelly MacFarland, EJ Murphy, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Conference,** Boston North Chapter of Mass. Citizens Against the Death Penalty will sponsor a conference "Putting a Face on the Death Penalty" \$20, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Merrimack College, North Andover; Pat Lucey 781-944-0974, rlucy139@aol.com or Margaret Soli 781-944-4426.

**Open house,** for Alternative Pet Therapies, presentations on acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractic and Reiki, free, 1-5 pm, prize drawings, 9 Hodges St., North Andover, directions and info at www.altpettherapies.com, 978-851-9055.

**Live music,** Invercaron, Those

Awful Hats, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Sole City, no cover, 8:30-11 p.m., the Tap Restaurant, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-1117.

**Artist reception,** painter Gary Korlin, 5-8 p.m., Walsingham Gallery, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411, www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

**Live music,** two shows, Bill Bourne, \$10-\$12, C.J. Chenier \$18-\$20, 9:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Arts festival,** Tewksbury Community of Artists' Annual Art Festival, mixed media and judged show, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tewksbury Hospital Chapel; 978-640-6354.

**Pumpkin festival,** hosted by the Society of the Preservation of New England Antiquities at Cogswell's Grant, \$5 adults, \$3 children, SPNEA members free, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 60 Spring St., Essex; 978-768-3632.

**Singles dance,** sponsored by PWP, everyone is invited, \$6 before 8:30 p.m., \$8 after 8:30 p.m., 8 p.m.-midnight, American Legion Hall, Bedford; 781-272-3910, www.pwp817.com.

**"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)"** see Sept. 19 entry.

## Sunday, September 21

**Book signing,** American Girls author Valerie Tripp, discussion and autographing, noon-2 p.m., Learning Express, 32 Park St.; 978-474-0555.

**Registration,** ACCO (Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach), 3-4:30 p.m., Underwood Room, Phillips Academy, and AKO (Andover Korean Outreach), 3 to 4:30 p.m., Morse Hall, Phillips Academy Campus, off Salem Street, these programs are primarily for families with adopted children from China and Korea, all families interested in these cultures are welcome; 978-749-4846.

**Auditions,** the Albany Berkshire Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, ages 6 and up, audition times by age; ages 6-8 noon; 9-11 2 p.m.; 12 and up 4-5 p.m., boys welcome, North Reading School of Ballet, 52 Main St., North Reading; 978-664-6433.

**Sunday Sojourns,** The Industrial Revolution Comes to Andover: Mills & Railroads a walking tour and discussion led by Juliet Moford, Andover Historical Society Director of Education and Research, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, 2 p.m., Andover History Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

**Live music,** Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra to perform a Family Pops Concert, \$12-\$15, 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Reception,** paintings of Stephanie Roberts, 2-5 p.m., Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

**Walk,** annual Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter Northern Middlesex Memory Walk, provides money for care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's, registration 8:30 a.m., walk 9:30 a.m., choose between a 3-mile or 1.5-mile walk, Boarding House Park, Lowell; Michelle Muller at 978-475-4225, mmuller@newtonsl.com; www.memorywalkma.org.

**Opening,** *Le Grande David and his Spectacular Magic Company*, season opening, \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, 3 p.m., Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

**Live music,** Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jeff Stout, Jack Senier and Bronek Suchanek, 6-10 p.m., Studio Restaurant, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, reservation recommended, 978-283-8797.

## Scholastic book fair booked at West Elementary School

West Elementary School will host a scholastic book fair Monday Sept. 22 through Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26 from noon to 2 p.m.

The book fair, which will take place in the old gymnasium, will also be open during West Elementary Open House nights as follows: tonight, Thursday, Sept. 18 from 7:30 to 8:30; and Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30.

This reading event features the newest titles from more than 100 publishers and gives students, parents and teachers an opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers.

Admission is free. Call Mary Hartnett 978-475-6806 for more information.

**"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)"** 3 p.m., see Sept. 19 entry.

**Shoe City Open Studios,** Sept. 20 entry.

## Monday, September 22

No scheduled events.

## Tuesday, September 23

**Tryouts,** the Warrior Basketball Club will be holding a tryout for its 14U Girls AAU team 7-9 p.m., Wood Hill Middle School; contact Jim Tildsley, 978-470-1128, or Leo Burke 781-233-0337.

**Reception,** and gallery talk Doug Johnson's *Diner Dreams*, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 978-475-2236.



Leslie Amper, pianist

**Live music,** Music at Eden's Edge, free, 2 p.m., Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 323 Locust St., Danvers; 781-237-1814.

**Opening,** North Shore Music Theater presents a musical, *Memphis*, \$26-\$63, 8 p.m., tickets can be purchased by calling the North Shore Music Theatre box office at 978-232-7200, www.nsmto.org or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 19), Beverly.

**Live music,** Scott Hamilton, \$10, \$12 at the door, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

## Wednesday, September 24

**Open house,** the Stevens Phillips Trust House, free, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 34 Chestnut St., Salem; 978-744-0440, www.phillipsmuseum.org.

## Thursday, September 25

**Live music,** Kevin Kennedy, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Open house,** The North Shore chapter of Mothers & More, 7-9 p.m., Kitty's Function Room, Rt. 28 in North Reading; Nancy Chabot 978-276-0130, nbcmec@comcast.net.

**Storyteller,** Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, presents Angela Klinger \$1, 2 p.m. in the Library, Haverhill campus; Carol Duhart at 978-556-3825.

**Art benefit,** The Revolving Museum will host an opening benefit and VIP Party, LocalMotive: Public Art Off the Beaten Path Benefit, \$25, 6-9 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

**Live music,** Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, 8 p.m., \$10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

## Friday, September 26

**Auditions,** Dance Prism, will conduct auditions for *The Nutcracker*, 4:15 p.m. for boys and girls aged 7-12 and 5:15 pm for intermediate level age 12 through advanced, West Middle School, Shawsheen Road; 978-371-1038.

**Live music,** Groove Authority, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Live comedy,** Dick Doherty, Jesse Gersten, Mike D., \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Opening,** the Revolving Museum presents a new exhibit, LocalMotive: Gallery Exhibit, indoor gallery space will be transformed into an interactive exhibit celebrating the wonders of the natural world, \$3, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

**Live music,** Jazz with Mike Cesati, no cover, 8:30-11 p.m., the Tap Restaurant, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-1117.

**Live music,** Brooks Williams, 8 p.m., \$10-\$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Music at Eden's Edge, \$20, 8:15 p.m., Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Ave., Gloucester; 978-283-7673.

## Saturday, September 27

**Yard sale,** the Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover will be participating in the Town Wide Yard Sale in the The Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (rain date is Saturday Oct. 4); fund-raisers maintain civic beautification projects and to offer scholarships to students pursuing an education in the field of horticulture; Nancy Cornell 978-474-4323.

**Historical Society event,** Essex National Heritage Commission's Trails & Sails Weekend, Andover Historical Society is partnering with ENHC and cultural sites around Essex County to provide a weekend of walks and events. The Andover Historical Society is hosting "Slavery and Anti-Slavery in Andover," 1 p.m., visit a new traveling exhibit on anti-slavery; 2 p.m., actors and storytellers perform *Turning the World Upside Down: The Grimke Sisters*; 3 p.m., walk to the South Church Burial Ground to see the graves of local slaves and abolitionists. All Trails & Sails activities are free; 978-475-2236, www.essexheritage.org.

**Live music,** Joey Vellucci Trio, Palmer's, 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606.

**Live music,** A Cappella night, \$5, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Bean supper,** \$5, under 12 \$2, 4-6 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence.

**Meeting,** The Mass. chapter of the Association of Hooking Artists, Reading Municipal Light Company, Ash Street, Reading, call for times; Happy DiFranza 978-664-2034 or Donna Allen 978-448-6089.

**Live comedy,** Dick Doherty, Jesse Gersten, Mike D., \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live music,** April Verch, 7 p.m., \$10-\$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

## Sunday, September 28

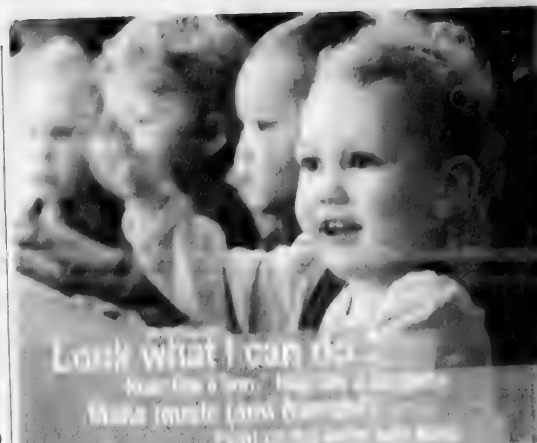
**Designers Tea,** The Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity-Women Build will present Designers Tea featuring many of Greater Boston's leading home/interior designers, artists, florists, cabinet makers, window treatment and various style makers; to showcase wares/techniques, contact Jean Sheehan at 603-362-8215 or e-mail WomenbuildMV@aol.com; for those interested in attending the event, tickets are available for a \$40 donation per person. The event includes: High Tea Luncheon, music and a silent auction, tickets are available at Banknorth, Main Street, Andover and Pentucket Bank, Haverhill (all branches), Habitat phone 978-681-8858.

**Rehearsal,** Tewksbury Interfaith Choir is starting rehearsals for the annual Christmas concert, all voices welcome, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Tewksbury; Arlene Wright 978-851-2809.

**Live music,** Deb Talon and Steve Tanoen, 7 p.m., \$10-\$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Herb Pomeroy, Jack Senier and Marl Carlsen, 6-10 p.m., last summer concert, Studio Restaurant, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, reservation recommended, 978-283-8797.

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**SEPTEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAY  
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 AT 5 P.M.**



## EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING

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## Ongoing Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art.** Fred Wilson: *Objects and Installations, 1979-2000*, through Nov. 9; Stephen Greene: *Painter and Mentor*, Sept. 20 through Jan. 4; and *Chance Encounters*. *Uninvited works from the Addison Collection* through Nov. 9, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-739-4015, www.addison-gallery.org.

**Andover Historical Society.** artist Donor shows at four sites: Ames Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 1 Main St., 978-739-4015, www.ahsociety.org.

**Alpers Fine Art of Andover.** Oil painter John F. Alpers, Sept. 8 through Oct. 12, gallery hours: Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St., Andover, 978-474-0013.

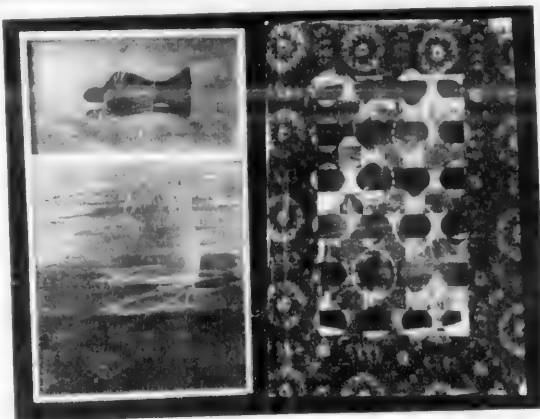
**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology.** *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the evolution of the museum's collection, during the last century. Tuesday through Saturday noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St., 978-749-4490.

**Essex Art Center.** Sept. 12 through Oct. 17, Main Gallery *Travels with*

## Free demonstration classes this Saturday

Music Together in Andover will offer a free demonstration class Saturday, Sept. 20 at Dance Infusion Studio, 19 Lapine Road. The 45-minute class will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Music Together is a national, research-based early childhood music development program. Call Rosemary Halloran at 978-688-3726 to reserve space, or for more information.



The Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School kicks off its 2003-04 schedule of exhibitions with the work of award-winning mixed-media artist Stephanie Roberts. The exhibition, featuring Roberts' widely varied work, will be on display in the Robert Lehman Art Center through Oct. 29. This exhibition of Roberts' work, entitled "Needs Practice with Scissors," includes Roberts' mixed media works from 1985 to present, covering a wide range of styles and techniques. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon and Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 978-725-6232. Above left: "Letting go" (casein and egg tempera). Above right: "Ancestral Ties," 12" x 16" (woven cyanotype, thread and casein).

**Deter.** photographs from a motorcycle trip 17,000 miles long. Elizabeth Beland Gallery, *Through a Pinhole*, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence, 978-685-2343.

**McCoy Gallery.** Merrimack College, for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Brush Art Gallery.** *A Survey of Paintings by Tom Gill*, Sept. 14 through Nov. 2, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell, 978-459-7819.

**Whistler House Museum of Art.** Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, 978-452-7641.

**Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art.** *Emerging Artists Gallery.* *Mustang: The Lost Tibetan Kingdom*—photographs by Don Gurevitz, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

**Revolving Museum.** Sept. 26-April 2, LocalMotive: Gallery Exhibit, indoor gallery space will be transformed into an interactive exhibit celebrating the wonders of the natural world. Audiences will be

taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell, 978-937-2787.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art.** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly, 978-232-2250.

**Sakowich Campus Center.** at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**McQuade Gallery.** at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., closed weekends in January: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Dance Prism to hold *Nutcracker* auditions

Dance Prism, a Boston-area professional ballet company, will conduct auditions next Friday, Sept. 26 for selected children's roles in its 21th anniversary production of *The Nutcracker*.

It will be presented at Collins Center in Andover on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Chosen ballet students ages 7 and older will be offered the opportunity to perform with the professional cast and 60 other area dancers.

Auditions will be held at West Middle School, Shawsheen Road, beginning at 4:15 p.m. for boys and girls aged 7-12 and 5:15 p.m. for intermediate-level age 12 through advanced.

Weekly rehearsals will take place from mid-October through the production. No fees will be charged to dancers for the auditions or the program.

Dance Prism's *Nutcracker* has appeared throughout New England since 1982. It features an exciting cast of dancers who

join the production from six states, colorful costumes, lively choreography, and the beloved attributes of this holiday presentation: falling snow, a reindeer-drawn sleigh, and a magically growing Christmas tree.

For information about auditions, call Dance Prism at 978-371-1038; for information about the performance or to order tickets, call 978-371-1038, or visit Dance Prism's Web site at www.danceprism.com.

## FINISHING TOUCHES

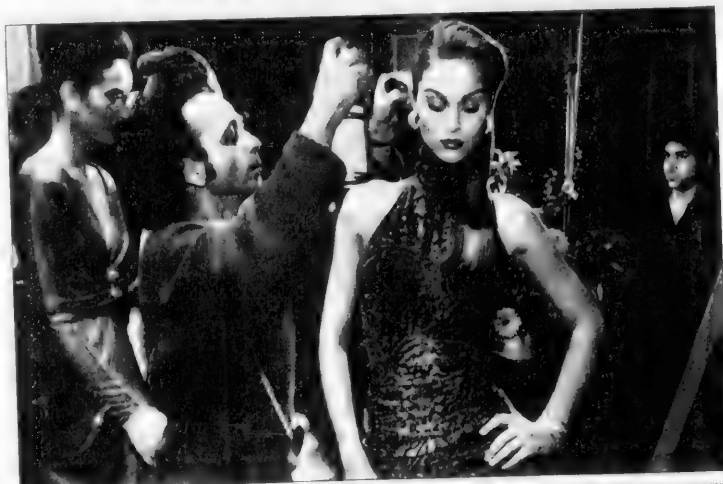


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Party in style at "Runway Madness! The Party" this Saturday, Sept. 20 at the American Textile History Museum in Lowell. The reception celebrates ATHM's newest special exhibit, "Runway Madness! The fashion photography of Lucian Perkins." From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. guests will have a chance to meet Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post photojournalist Lucian Perkins, mingle with area fashionistas and view the Runway Madness! exhibition. Above, stylists stand by making adjustments seconds before model Carine Hollies steps on the runway in this 1987 silver gelatin print by Perkins. The star-studded evening will include an up-close look at the latest fashion trends. Neiman Marcus will present informal modeling of its 2003 couture and designer collections. Fashionable gourmet hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Tickets for the evening, a museum benefit, are \$40 per person; \$35 for museum members. For information call 978-441-0400, Ext. 246, or www.athm.org. The exhibition continues through Jan. 4.

## Art in the Park

## SEEING ANDOVER WITH ARTISTIC EYES

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her to her passion.

"That's when I got back into it and started drawing again," she says.

"You don't have to look any further than your backyard," she says, especially if one's backyard is in Andover. "Andover gave me great material to work with and just grow from there."

She says every in-town outing she ventures on is a "feast for the eyes."

For the past three years, she's created watercolor paintings of Andover structures including the Andover Bookstore, Enzo of Andover, the Blue Cow, the Shawsheen Luncheonette, the Park and

Memorial Hall Library, along with "many, many buildings."

"I just finished a whole series of Philips Academy," Hamlin says.

The seven new watercolors will debut at this year's Art in the Park.

Hamlin says she paints whenever she can. Her youngest son, Jack, just started kindergarten, giving her a little more time. Charlie, her other son, is in the fourth grade. Other than the school hours, she says she often paints in the evenings.

"Once I start on a painting, it consumes me. I can paint until 2 in the morning and not even know what time it is," she says. "And then wake up very tired and start the day."

Hamlin has had some success as a local artist. One of her watercolors is on the cover of the town's Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2004 to 2008. Her watercolors and prints are on display at Blue Cow, the Andover Bookstore and Frames Unlimited. She says they are also for sale.

Art in the Park started the ball rolling for her, an event she almost backed out of her first time around.

Her first Art in the Park was scheduled for Sept. 15, 2001, days after America was stunned by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I almost didn't do it. I'm glad I did because it made people appreciate home," says Hamlin.

She says there is comfort in the familiarity of home, which is captured in her Andover watercolors.

Hamlin says she was approached by the owner of Blue Cow during her first Art in the Park event, who asked if she would be willing to have her work displayed in the restaurant.

That was the day she stepped into the supportive world of local businesses that have been continuously behind her, she says. Since then, Hamlin has found support from everyone from the owners of small businesses to Norma Gammon at Memorial Hall Library.

"When you do artwork you're putting yourself out there. You do artwork in private and then you make it public. It's a scary step for me," she says, adding how thankful she is to have found a community so eager to embrace and encourage local talent.

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### Lillian Montalto ranked third in nation for real estate

Realtor Magazine's third-annual ranking of the top real-estate sales people in the United States has named Lillian Montalto, owner/broker of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, the No. 1 female sales agent in the country and the only woman named in the top five. The ranking also identifies Montalto as third overall in the nation for 2002 total sales volume out of 925,000 such agents. Additionally, Montalto is the only one in Massachusetts to be named to this prestigious list for the past three consecutive years.



Lillian Montalto

Montalto, who ranked fifth in last year's list and ninth in 2001, began her own company, Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, in 2000.

Lillian Montalto Signature Properties had a 2002 sales volume in excess of \$180 million.

### Moody 21-year vet, steps down, Famiglietti steps up

Andover resident Bruce Moody, founding partner of Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico, LLP announced in late July 2003 that he is stepping down from his position as MFA's managing partner after 21 years.

Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico, LLP, based in North Andover, is one of the larger accounting firms in Massachusetts, helping clients all over New England and beyond manage their business and personal finances and increase the value of their companies.

Fellow town resident Carl Famiglietti, who has been an integral part of MFA since 1988, will be the firm's new managing partner. In addition to his current role, Famiglietti's new responsibilities include creating and implementing a strategic vision, leading the firm's future growth and direction, and overseeing the company's internal operations and finances.

Moody has guided the company from its inception in 1982 to its current position as a major regional accounting and consulting firm comprised of seven partners and more than 40 other accounting professionals. With more than 30 years professional experience, he is often sought for his expertise in advising owners of entrepreneurial start-ups, rapid growth companies, and businesses dealing with transition and change. Moody is involved in many community and business organizations.

Moody will not be leaving the firm, and will continue working with his clients. "To me, the best benefit of this decision is that now I can spend even more time serving my current clients and finding new ones - the parts of the business I'm most passionate about," he says.

### MV Chamber HR social

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present the "September Human Resource Association Social" tonight, Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Prescott House in North Andover.

### New director of residence life

Donna Swartwout has been named director of residence life at Merrimack College in North Andover.

As director, Swartwout is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the residence life program which includes hall facilities and creating a living environment that fosters a student's academic, social, and spiritual development. Currently, there are 1,520 students living on campus.

Swartwout comes from Merrimack College from Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Nashua where she has served as executive director since 2000. In this role, she was responsible for fundraising, grant writing and creating programs that supported the mission of the agency. She was director of residential life and acting director of campus life at Colgate University from 1993-2000.

Swartwout earned a doctorate in college student personnel administration from the University of Maryland College Park; a master's degree in administration from St. Michael's College; a bachelor's in mass communications from St. Bonaventure University.

## Facelift for Nathan Frye House

Big changes to North Main Street spot includes turnover of tenants

By Ben Hellman

The Nathan Frye House business center, located at the corner of Railroad and North Main streets, is undergoing an expensive facelift - at the cost of several business tenants. At least two businesses were asked to leave the complex to make way for new renovation, said the building manager. The center is owned by Andover businessman and property owner Anthony DiNapoli.

Andrew Costa of AC Remodeling is in charge of renovation and said that the businesses Geriatric Assistance, and the office of attorney D.S. Terranova had been asked to leave so his workers could renovate the building. DiNapoli's lawyer, Peter Caruso, did not return phone calls from the *Townsmen*.

Of the businesses affected, one declined to comment and the others did not return messages by *Townsmen* presstime. New tenant Bill Leary is the co-owner of the new salon William Roberts Color Group and Salon. He welcomed the changes to the property. "It's about time someone put some work into it. I love being here," he said.

Leary opened and ran the Chestnut Street Philip Ciampa Salon for eight years. He said he is still paying downtown prices at the North Main Street location, but now had better parking, which is a tradeoff.

But the rent prices that a high-end salon can handle have not been easy for older tenants. Paul Medolo of Colonial Barber Shop said that if rent increase again - he said DiNapoli raised his shop's rent when DiNapoli purchased the property - he would have to leave.

The Colonial Barber Shop has occupied a space at the Frye House complex for almost 40 years under the ownership of Sam Reitano. It has been Medolo's plan to buy the business from Reitano, but now he isn't so sure. He said he isn't sure he understands what the owner plans to do with the barber shop. "I don't feel secure about it," he said.

Reitano's shop moved three years ago to accommodate the renovation, said Medolo. Costa said there was no plan to renovate the corner space where the barber shop is located.

The complex underwent tenant changes when DiNapoli purchased it and raised the rents last year. Photographer Ed Eich was one long-time business tenant at the complex who left. He said he had to leave when DiNapoli both raised his rent and reduced his space. But Eich said he had been paying below-market costs for the



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andrew Costa, general contractor for the work being done at the Nathan Frye House Offices, off North Main Street, looks over plans for the site. In addition to renovating the buildings, workers have cut down several trees between the complex's parking lot and the lot for Wild Oats supermarket.

space before DiNapoli purchased the complex.

Costa said DiNapoli has a history of saving Andover buildings that have fallen into disrepair. DiNapoli owns the Musgrove Building and buildings on Post Office Avenue, and has a plan for the visible Andover-center location. It involves creating a restaurant on the Musgrove Building's roof, building a two-level parking garage at the end of the avenue and altering the flow of traffic so that cars would travel one-way from Elm Street to Main Street on Post Office Avenue. The paved, private way

would be turned into a brick or cobblestoned way, and the original plan was to have an archway where the avenue meets Main Street. A glass-enclosed staircase would replace the fire escape on the Musgrove Building.

As for the Nathan Frye House property, Costa said its former owner had allowed the property to decline and DiNapoli is bringing it back to its former glory. "We're historically renovating it back to the 1850s," said Costa. He pointed out the new white columns and building trim, which are made of mahogany. The traditional clapboard siding is made of cedar. "This is top-drawer stuff," he said.

**"We're historically renovating it back to the 1850s."**

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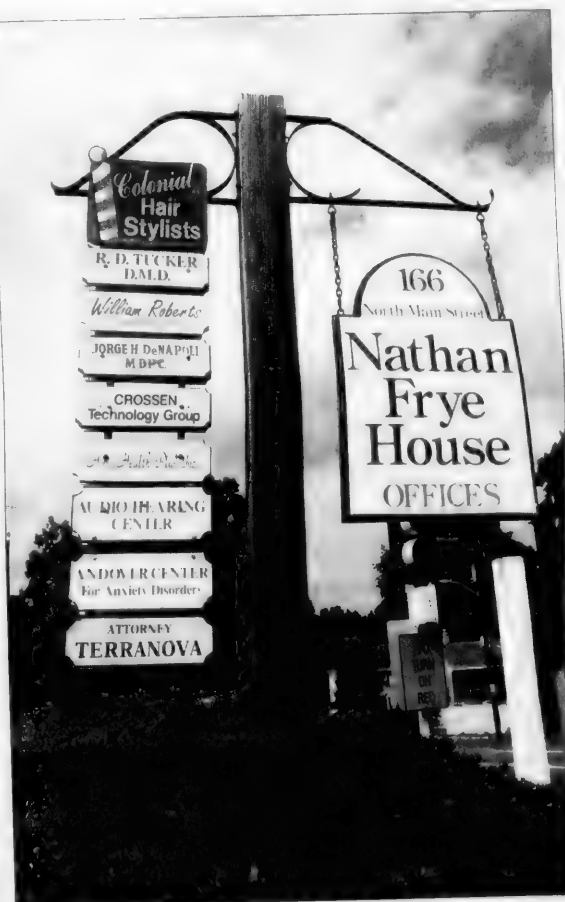


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The construction work and increased rents at the Nathan Frye House Offices have caused some businesses to find new homes.



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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

**Free Christian Church**, 31 Elm St., will offer DivorceCare, a Christian-based divorce/separation recovery and support group. Starting next Thursday, Sept. 25, this 13-week program is open to all regardless of religious belief.

Weekly meetings run from 7 to 9 p.m., featuring a videotape, group discussion, and light refreshments. The group leader is **Keith Conant**, a master's level counselor.

Cost is \$30, which includes registration, workbook, and light refreshments. For further information, call Karen at Free Christian Church, at 978-475-0700.

**Parent to Parent** will conduct a parent-education series for parents of toddlers and preschoolers. This interactive series, "Parenting for the Early Years," will focus on skill building.

Topics for discussion include parenting styles; age-appropriate expectations; understanding a child's limit setting; and managing parental stress. Specific parental concerns such as tantrums, bedtime challenges, toilet training and feeding issues will be addressed.

Facilitator for this program is **Maria Bartlett, RD, MPH**, and certified parenting educator. Bartlett has 20 years of experience working with parents of young children as a nutrition consultant and four years experience teaching this parenting program.

Parenting for the Early Years will be held Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and Nov. 5 and 12.

All classes will be held in the third floor conference room 'B' in the School Administration Building, Whittier Court. The cost of the program is \$85 per person, or \$140 per couple. Handbooks may be purchased at the first class for \$10.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Individuals can obtain more information by calling **Sharon Mason**, Parent to Parent registrar, at 978-474-4289. The registration deadline is Sept. 23.

**Quota International** members from around the world met in New Orleans, La., recently for the group's 82nd annual convention.

**Beth Poulo and Kiki**

**Schneider**, president and president-elect of the Andover Quota Club, attended the four-day series of meetings, seminars, and training sessions.

The convention brought together Quota members from the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, the Philippines, Suriname, the Netherlands, Aruba and Curacao to learn the latest organizational news, vote on various issues and celebrate recent success within the international service organization.

Founded in 1919, Quota International dedicates most of its volunteer work to help deaf and hearing-impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children. The Andover club, chartered in 1991, was presented two awards at convention. The members were



**Beth Poulo**

reportedly thrilled to be recognized for their membership recruitment with an Excellence Award, presented to Poulo by international president, **Beatriz**

**Doran-Scoop** of Curacao.

The club also received an award for its fundraiser "Opening Night with Quota," featuring the **Pentucket Players'** production of **Funny Girl** at **Merri-mack College**.

Andover Quota invites prospective members to a membership reception at **Memorial Hall Library** the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 28.

For more information about Quota International, contact Poulo at bpoulo@andoverliving.com; or log on to the organization's international service Web site at [www.wesharefoundation.org](http://www.wesharefoundation.org).

**The Professional Center for Child Development**, 32 Osgood St., is looking for runners, families, students and grandparents to participate in the 11th Annual Trot for Special Tots, a 5K road race starting at the Andover site Sunday, Oct. 5. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.; a walk begins at 9 and the road race starts at 10. Registration fee for the road race is \$20. Call 978-475-3806 or contact [theprofessionalcenter.org](mailto:theprofessionalcenter.org).

## ENGAGEMENTS &amp; WEDDINGS

## McIntyre-Howard

Marilyn and Joseph McIntyre of Bishop, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, **Charmian C. McIntyre** of Boston, to **John L. Howard III**, also of Boston. He is the son of John and Eitel Howard of Andover.

Ms. McIntyre graduated from Bishop High School and Suffolk University. She is a PhD candidate in neuroscience at Brandeis University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Phillips Academy and the University of Rochester. He is the product manager at Archibus Inc. in Boston.

The couple plan a February wedding.



**Charmian C. McIntyre and John L. Howard III**

## Mitchell-Cravanzola

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell of Andover announce the marriage of their daughter, **Kelly Ann**, to **David Matthew Cravanzola**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cravanzola of Torrington, Conn.

The couple were married June 28 at St. Augustine Church in Andover. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Georgetown Club.

The bride is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of New Hampshire, with a bachelor of science degree in family studies. She is a teacher at St. Margaret's-McTernan School in Waterbury, Conn.

The groom is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and Roger Williams University with a bachelor of science degree in construction management. He is a project engineer at O&G Industries Inc.

After a honeymoon in Antigua, the couple returned to their home in New Hartford, Conn.



**Kelly Ann and David Cravanzola**

## Local 'Angels' honored

## ■ WINTER WARMTH

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kets to the people?"

"I wanted to do something for the Lazarus House, and give something to the people who didn't have as much as me," Kristina said.

She asked her birthday guests to make clothing donations for children staying at the shelter, she said. When the family delivered the gifts, they also took a tour of the shelter.

The sisters' next step was to start a clothing drive. They held a bake sale and raffles and raised enough money to distribute nearly 400 sets of hats and mittens to needy elementary school students.

The following year they provided \$13,000 worth of new winter clothing, but realized the need was much greater.

"The more stories we heard, the sadder I got," said Liza, who insisted the project expand to provide boots and coats as well as hats and mittens.

The sisters wrote and faxed letters to clothing manufacturers asking for donations, and received positive responses from companies such as Land's End, New Balance, One Step Ahead, Stride Rite and downtown Andover's The Rugged Bear.

Because coats are relatively

expensive, the girls and their mother asked school counselors to identify individual children and then bought coats in their sizes, Karen Giangrande said.

Last year they distributed \$27,000 worth of clothing to more than 1,000 students, bringing their total collections in the past three years to about \$45,000, she said. This year the Winter Warmth Project became a nonprofit organization, allowing it to receive a \$10,000 gift from Ronald McDonald House, Karen Giangrande said.

"Keeping all the stuff organized is a challenge at the age the kids are at," she said. "The organizational piece is definitely where the adults come in."

"And the baking," she added, laughing.

After they receive the Angel Soft Angels in Action award, they will use the \$5,000 prize to start a fund to buy more clothing in the future, they said. Kristina said she wants to keep providing hats, mittens, coats, boots and other desperately needed clothing to Lawrence children as long as she can.

"The best part about it is seeing the kids get the stuff," she said. "I'm going to keep doing it until I'm dead, because it's so fun. It's so awesome."

## McClory 50th anniversary

Robert and Claire McClory of 62 Harold Parker Road celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this month. A party was held in their honor

at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, N.H. hosted by their sons and their wives, Wayne and Barbara McClory of Goffstown, N.H., Jeffrey & Terry McClory of Derry, N.H., Scott and Jennifer McClory of Raymond, N.H., and Steven McClory of Crystal River, Fla.

Guests attending included 100 family members and close friends from Maine to Florida.

The McClorys were married Sept. 13, 1953 and settled in Andover to build their life together.

Robert McClory retired after more than 40 years working for the town of Andover. In addition to their four sons, the couple have 13 cherished grandchildren.

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## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Movie Matinee:** On Monday, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent release *Real Women Have Curves*. Winner of the Sundance Film Festival, this is a touching drama that finds a Mexican-American teenager at odds with her identity and heritage. Make a reservation for lunch and stay and enjoy the movie with us.

**Museum of Fine Arts:** We are currently accepting reservations for a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, Nov. 7 to take in the exhibit, "Rembrandt's Journey." Cost is \$38 and reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

**Tap Dancing, Anyone?** We have an instructor who is available to teach a tap dancing class at the center. This would certainly be a great way to have fun and get some exercise at the same time. We need 10 people

to get this class started. If you are interested in kicking up your heels with this new opportunity, contact Bernadette at the senior center.

**Fundamentals of Oil Painting:** Award-winning artist Andrea Hart will offer a six-week session for beginners and intermediates beginning on Monday, Oct. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Class will focus on the effects of light, color and value. Students may work from a still life or subject of choice. Individual help in a non-intimidating atmosphere. Cost is \$35 plus materials. Register prior to the first class.

**Intergenerational Opportunity:** The senior center will be working with fourth-grade teachers at the Bancroft School this fall. We will be introducing a healthy aging course into their curriculum, and will utilize seniors as facilitators with small groups of students. If you would be interested in making a one-hour commitment once a week for seven weeks during

October and November to assist with this program, contact Pat Becker at the senior center.

**Cardio Conditioning:** We will be offering an eight-week cardio conditioning class at Andover Training Station beginning Thursday, Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Great opportunity to get a workout on treadmills and exercise bikes under the watchful eye of a personal trainer. If you would like to try out a complimentary class Thursday, Sept. 18 or 25, see Pat at the senior center for a free pass.

**Boston Pops Holiday Concert:** The center will sponsor a trip to the Boston Pops holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 18 for the 3 p.m. matinee. Cost of the trip is \$58, which includes ticket and transportation. We will also make a stop at Faneuil Hall following the concert where you can enjoy supper on your own. Note that seating is limited and deadline for purchasing tickets is Sept. 22.

**Choral Group:** The Sunrise Singers, under the direction of

Linda Kirk, are welcoming new voices to join them. They rehearse every Monday morning at the senior center at 9. Just come and introduce yourself to her. If you enjoy music, you'll have a great time in this group.

**Massage Therapy:** The senior center is fortunate to have the services of a licensed massage therapist on Monday mornings. Cost of a 20-minute, seated, upper-body massage is \$12. To make an appointment for a stress-reducing treatment, call the center.

**Fix-It Shop:** The fix-it shop will be open for business on Monday, Oct. 6.

## TOWN TALK

### BALMORAL UPDATE

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man of the Community Preservation Act Task Force.

Mike Charron, property manager for the 16 Balmoral St. building, said the removal of a decorative stone railing across the top of the building is temporary.

"There's no intention to change the appearance of the building. It's just to waterproof it," he said. The building's owner, MEG Companies, would have to apply to the preservation task force to make changes to the outside of the building, said Herman.

— Ben Hellman

## Nothing junior about league size

Boasting a roster with two 13-year-olds weighing more than 200 pounds, the Andover Junior Football League kicked off its season last weekend in style with hundreds of residents attending the opening ceremonies behind Doherty Middle School.

Selectman Ted Teichert, a member of the AJFL executive board, said 230 football players between ages 10 and 13 are signed up for the league, while 130 cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the Sunday games.

He also said football interest is so strong around town that a traveling team for eighth-graders has been formed. This is that team's first year.

— Judy Wakefield

## RELIGION NOTES

This year's high holy day season at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, will begin with a *selichot* service program of music and prayer at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. This program is open to all who wish to attend.

The concert will feature the vocal quintet of Larisa Lucaci, Megan Gray, Michael Olbash, Marc Demille and Keith Hampton singing an eclectic program of traditional psalm settings, jazz arrangements and classical repertoire.

Following the concert, and light refreshments, a brief outdoor *selichot* service will take place in the Temple's Moses Garden. "Selichot" means "pardon" and inaugurates the high holy day season, a period of spiritual introspection and repentance culminating with Yom Kippur on Monday, Oct. 6.

For more information about *selichot* and other holy day services, please call Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356.

**Havurat Shalom**, a reconstructionist congregation, welcomes all to its high holiday services, which will be held at Christ Church, Central Street.

Services are scheduled as follows:

Rosh Hashanah: Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m.

Yom Kippur: Monday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m.

Information on the breakfast will be announced during the Yom Kippur service.

No reservations are required. A donation is optional. For more information, call 978-475-2857.

**Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover**, a conservative Jewish congregation serving Andover and surrounding communities, announced its services for the high holidays of 2003 (the Jewish New Year of 5764) as follows:

**Rosh Hashanah**

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah Evening, Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m.

Tashlich, Sunday, Sept. 28 at 5 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m.

**Yom Kippur**

Kol Nidre, Sunday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Morning, Monday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur Afternoon/Eve, Monday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

Sukkot, Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m.

**Rabbi Deborah Slavitt and Cantor Judith Berkson** will lead Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Junior Congregation services will also be held concurrently, and babysitting will be available by advance arrangement for parents attending services. There will also be a community "break the fast" at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services.

Non-members must purchase tickets in order to attend. Discounted tickets are available for area college and high school boarding students. For complete information regarding tickets and prospective membership, including all of the various programs and events offered by CTI, call the synagogue office at 978-474-0540.

On Friday evening, Oct. 3 at 5:45, **Temple Emanuel of Andover**, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, will hold a special abbreviated Sabbath service, a "tot shabbat," for toddlers, preschool, and young school-aged children. **Rabbi Robert Goldstein** will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. **Cantor Donn Rosensweig** will lead the singing.

Parents and children are invited to attend a family shabbat dinner immediately following the service. To make a dinner reservation, call the temple office at 978-470-1356 by next Thursday, Sept. 25. No reservation is needed for the service.

The public is invited to join in the remembrance and celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. On Friday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Poor Clare Chapel of the Franciscan Center**, 445 River Road, there will be a celebration of the death of St. Francis, and on Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis.

There will also be a celebration of the Eucharist at the Franciscan Center, 459 River Road. Call 978-851-3391.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### 100 Years Ago - 1903

Alexander Dundas visited his home in town last Sunday.

Llewellyn D. Pomeroy is ill with typhoid fever at his home on Chestnut Street.

Frank E. Gleason has still a small amount of nut coal for sale. First-come, first-served.

George Saunders has been awarded the contract to renovate the plumbing and heating in the residence recently purchased by Charles H. Howland on Main Street.

Miss Maud Marion Cole, teacher of piano and organ, resumes teaching this week and will be at home on Thursdays in September and October from 3 to 5:30 in the afternoon to arrange for lessons. Miss Cole gives especial attention to children and beginners.

Last Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, some mischievous youths filled the keyhole of H.A. Ramsdell's store with plaster of Paris, besides smearing the windows with the same material.

A very interesting game of cricket was played at Canobie Lake on Saturday last.

Charles Riddock has been confined to the house this week, being ill from poisoning.

The Andover football team will practice tonight for the first time this season in preparation for a season of good games.

During the storm of Wednesday night and Thursday morning, considerable destruction was caused in town.

The first regular meeting of the Andover Mothers Club was held last Friday afternoon in the kindergarten rooms, 38 being present.

### 75 Years Ago - 1928

James M. Gorrie of North Maine Street, a member Troop 2 of the Free Church, was awarded the cup offered by the *Andover Townsman* to the Andover Boy Scout who won the handicap hike from the Andover press building to the fire tower on Prospect Hill, which was held on Monday evening of this week.

Mrs. John Stewart was elected president of the Andover Garden Club at a well-attended meeting held Tuesday morning.

Michael A. Burke was elected Grand Knight at a meeting of Andover Council No. 1078, Knights of Columbus held last evening in the Council hall.

Niel Cussen of Chestnut Street attended the Topsfield

Fair last Friday.

On Saturday, September 29, a bean supper will be held in the vestry of the Baptist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. under the auspices of the Philathea Class.

Miriam Henderson of the Smith & Dove office is enjoying her vacation.

The children of the Andover summer playground held their first field day Saturday afternoon on the newly finished running track.

Approximately thirty-five percent of the Andover voters yesterday visited the polls on Tuesday, expressing their opinions of candidates for State offices, and adding 982 votes in the preference expressed by Republicans throughout the state for Frank G. Allen for the next governor.

The recent hurricane disaster in the West Indies, Florida and other southeastern states has made it necessary for the Red Cross to issue an appeal for funds which can be used for relief work.

Little Mary Elizabeth Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Greenwood of Bancroft Road, was the guest of honor Saturday afternoon at a party

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## OBITUARIES

## Joyce M. Belko

VP and treasurer of  
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Joyce M. (Daher) Belko, 52, of North Andover, died Monday, Sept. 15 at the family residence after a long illness.



Joyce M.  
Belko

Born in Lawrence, she was a graduate of Saint Mary's High School, class of 1968, and went on to receive her bachelor of arts degree from St. Francis College, now known as the University of New England.

For more than 30 years, Belko was the vice president and treasurer of Daher's Shoes Inc.

An active congregationalist in St. Anthony's Maronite Church, she was president and past secretary of the Friends of Merrimack College, a member of the National Shoe Retailers Association, a member of the Quota Club, and a member of the Caritas Holy Family Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

Members of her family include her husband, John M. Belko; two sons, John M. Belko Jr. and Joshua M. Belko, all of North Andover; three brothers, Charles F. Daher and his wife Elizabeth C. of Andover, Kenneth E. Daher of North Andover, and John R. Daher and his wife Paula A. of Andover; and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the GI Cancer Research Fund, care of Dr. Robert Mayer, 1309 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02446.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Sept. 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. in St. Anthony's Maronite Church of Lawrence, and a funeral Mass will immediately follow at 11 a.m. in the church.

Arrangements are by the Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

## James V. Henrietta

Worked for 47 years  
at Fidelity Press

James V. Henrietta, 80, of Andover, died Sunday, Sept. 14 at his home.

Born in Detroit, Mich., he served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He was a member and past treasurer of the American Legion Post 8 of Andover.

Mr. Henrietta worked for 47 years at Fidelity Press in Everett.

Members of his family include his wife, Ida M. (Romano) Henrietta of Andover; son, James V. Henrietta of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughters, Geri-Lee Srikanth of Dal-

las, Tex., and Merry T. Tringale of Andover; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 8, PO Box 62, Andover, 01810; or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

## Thomas F. Branco Sr.

Owned and operated  
Branco Superette

Thomas F. Branco Sr., 67, of East Hampstead, N.H., died Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H.



Thomas F.  
Branco

Born in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Branco worked at the Tire Rubber Company in Andover, owned and operated Branco Superette in Andover, and later opened Mrs. & Me Diner in Lawrence.

He was a member and treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans, Queen City Chapter 2 of Methuen, a member of the Elks BPO Lodge of Lawrence, and a former member of the Italian American Civic Association of Lawrence.

Members of his family include his wife of 33 years, Mary P. (Wade) Branco; son, Thomas F. Branco Jr. and his wife Melissa of Lawrence; daughters, Shirley M. Branco of Taunton, Evelyn Gates and her husband George of Methuen, Mary Carlton and her husband Frank of Concord, and Catherine Wadsworth of Lawrence; brother, Salvatore Branco of Andover; sister-in-law, Joyce Branco of Lawrence; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Catadella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

## Catherine Hayes

Had 20 great-  
grandchildren

Catherine (Kelly) Hayes, 90, of Andover, died Monday, Sept. 15 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in County Roscommon, Ireland, Mrs. Hayes came to Lawrence at an early age.

She was an attendant of Saint Patrick's Church in Lawrence. She was the widow of retired

Lawrence Deputy Fire Chief Edward J. Hayes.

Members of her family include a son, Edward J. Hayes and his wife Mary Jo of Andover; daughters, Ruth A. Hayes of Salem, N.H., and Claire of Derry, N.H.; a brother, Robert Kelly of Rochester, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also mother of the late Maureen Swarbrick.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence.

## Amelia Yankowsky

Worked in the local  
textile mills

Amelia (Waitkevich) Yankowsky, 90, of Methuen, died Friday, Sept. 12 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, she was educated in Lawrence and Methuen schools.

She worked in the local textile mills and as a clerk at the Howe Street Superette in Methuen.

Mrs. Yankowsky took care of her late disabled daughter and grandson.

## DEATHS

Robert W. Belanger, 48  
Joyce M. (Daher) Belko, 52  
Beatrice Bloom  
Frank J. Burgess, 93  
Thomas F. Branco Sr., 67  
Catherine Hayes, 90  
James V. Henrietta, 80  
Lucille C. Masucci, 66  
Ruth J. Mucica  
Anthony W. Scalora, 85  
James Wilson, 58  
Amelia Yankowsky, 90

She attended Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of Walter J. Yankowsky Sr.

Members of her family include a granddaughter; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

She was the mother of the late Walter J. Yankowsky Jr. and Dorothy Ann Yankowsky.

Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence.

## Robert W. Belanger

Worked at parks  
department in North  
Andover

Robert W. Belanger, 48, of Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence and educated in Andover, Mr. Belanger worked at the North Andover

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**BLOOM** - Beatrice (Schwartz) Bloom of Windham, N.H. and formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, Sept. 13 at home. She was a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover. Calling hours may be made through tonight, Thursday, Sept. 18 at the home of her daughter, Truda and her husband Robert Spiegelman of Londonderry, N.H.

**BURGESS** - Frank J. Burgess, 93, of Harwich and formerly of Dennis and Methuen, died Monday, Sept. 15 at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis. He was a registered pharmacist for 60 years and owned and operated stores in Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover. Burial will be in West Parish Cemetery in Andover. Arrangements are

under the direction of Hallett Funeral Home, 273 Station Ave., South Yarmouth.

**MASUCCI** - Lucille C. (Marcoux) Masucci, 66, of Methuen, died Thursday, Sept. 11 at Celebration Hospital in Celebration, Fla. She worked at the Gillette Co. in Andover.

**SCALORA** - Anthony W. Scalora, 85, of Andover, N.H., died Friday, Sept. 12 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of his family include his sisters, Joanna Pont and Rose Marasco, both of Andover.

**WILSON** - James Wilson, 58, of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Mr. Wilson worked at the former Converse-Tire Rubber in Andover.

Parks Department for more than 15 years.

Members of his family include his wife, Rebekah N. (Dubie) Belanger; mother, Ida Belanger Smith of Lawrence; brothers, Roland and Alfred Belanger, both of Andover; sister, Mary Gioia of Londonderry, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 S. Broadway, Lawrence. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

## Ruth J. Mucica

Was a nurse during WWII

Ruth J. Mucica of Andover died Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Mrs. Mucica was a veteran of World War II, having served as a nurse in the US Navy.

She was the widow of Michael J. Mucica.

Members of her family include her sons, Gary M. Mucica and his wife Sally of North Andover, and Paul W. Mucica and his wife Carol of Tewksbury; a brother, William Resler of St. Johnsville, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Douglas, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, 25 Sanborn St., Reading.

Burial was in Charles Lawn Cemetery, Reading.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell St., Lynnfield, MA 01940; or the American Red Cross, 85 Lowell St., Peabody, MA 01960.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## ■ 75 YEARS AGO

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held on her eighth birthday at the home of her parents.

Several persons received minor injuries in an accident on the Reading Road about 5:15 on Sunday when the Nash sedan in which they were riding was struck by an electric car.

## 50 Years Ago - 1953

Drummond Bissett, of North Main Street, was elected military substitute physical instructor in the Andover school system at a starting salary of \$3,100 by the School Committee at Monday night's session.

The appointment of Sgt. David L. Nicholl as chief of the police department was made last week by the board of selectmen shortly after they received the eligible list Wednesday afternoon from the civil service commission.

The annual back-to-school trek began here yesterday when the public and parochial schools opened their doors to receive their new classes for the 1953-54 season.

Caption of picture from front page: Pete Holtham and his Great Dane dog "Dana" have been inseparable pals during the summer season. And now that school bells have sounded the parting note, neither Pete nor "Dana" like the necessary breach in their camaraderie. It was an emotion-packed moment when the *Townsmen's* cameraman happened by the lad's home at 60 Bartlett St., just as Pete and "Dana" were bidding goodbyes.

Students who reside outside the Andover area but who attend the local public schools will face expulsion in cases where the tuition fees are not paid in advance.

Phillips Andover Academy opens Monday for the 176th year with 740 students scheduled to resume studies, 110 of which will be first-year students. Patrolman James R. Lynch

will be named sergeant in the Andover police department to fill the vacancy created when David L. Nicoll was elevated to chief.

All little people entering the first grade in Andover and Ballardvale are to be guests at Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday and Wednesday for their annual party.

Andover residents interested in the fascinating and practical hobby of upholstery will be offered a 20-week course to be held in the precinct room at Ballardvale under the supervision of the Essex Community Extension services.

The Andover School Committee met Monday night with all members present in the Central Elementary School. Lindsay J. March, headmaster of Pynchard High School, discussed the problems encountered there and suggested an additional male teacher.

From an editorial: A short time ago gasoline in the East rose by 1.5 cents a gallon. A congressman from Massachusetts was so incensed by this that he introduced a bill to put the oil industry and its prices under federal control.

Andover's two leading educators in the public school system have become more firmly rooted here with the acquisition of homes in the community.

## 25 Years Ago - 1978

An abundance of contests among Democratic hopefuls and some key Republican office contests, should provide sufficient interest in the state primary election Tuesday.

Polaroid Corp., world leader in instant photography, has agreed subject to certain conditions to purchase a 40-acre site in the Andover Technical Center Industrial Park in West Andover.

Supt. Kenneth R. Seifert said Tuesday night that for the second year in a row he was very much struck by the "serious-

ness" of Andover pupils as they returned to school, and that last Thursday was "a very good opening day."

Andover's town election will remain in March, at least for the time being, as will the precinct lines and polling places.

A letter to Andover's congressional delegation from the board of selectmen this week requests their attention to be given to the condition of the local postal service.

The School Committee Tuesday night approved one and a half additional teachers for the elementary schools, based on the number of pupils who turned up in class a week ago.

Andover voters had some winners in close races in Tuesday's surprising primary election.

Mosquitoes, water mains for Shawsheen, purchasing computer equipment and rezoning for proposed use of the Abbot Academy campus will be among the highlights of a 25-article warrant facing voters at the Oct. 30 town meeting.

Phillips Academy entered its third century of education in Andover on Thursday, as 1,110 students went to their first classes of the academy's 201th year.

Little did they know when they agreed to participate in the American Institute for Foreign Study, that it might become a long-term commitment. But many of the 40 families who played host to Spanish students for four weeks this summer are already making plans for future trans-Atlantic get-togethers.

From the Andover High Notebook: The first week of school has proved to be a busy one at Andover High. Sophomores have been getting adjusted to their new climate, getting used to the added homework load and finding their way around the school. Juniors and seniors have been trying to adjust to the old schedule, left behind in June.

The Lawrence area telephone directory is going to be thinner and easier to handle in spite of the new consumer-related features found on the ticket inside.

With two major industrial buildings on the horizon, Andover officials this week began smoothing the roads for their entrance into the industrial areas.

Any funds for reconstruction of the lodge at Recreation Park will have to wait until the annual town meeting.

An article in the October town meeting will ask voters to provide \$30,000 for renovation of the old pumping station at Haggetts Pond for use by the state library regional service.

## 10 Years Ago - 1993

Advanced planning, an eager and professional staff, and well-behaved children made for a "smooth" opening of school on Tuesday, said Mark McQuillan, superintendent of schools.

The public schools in Andover have only been in session three days, but bus fees already are a hot topic.

Last week President Clinton visited a technical school in Maryland, where he spoke about the need for specialized education that develops valuable skills for 75 percent of the nation's students who don't go on to liberal arts colleges.

The Planning Board Tuesday night ruled Bruegger's Bagel Bakery would be in violation of its special permit and would be served a stop-work order if it installed eight stand-up tables in addition to the 32 seats previously approved.

David L. St. Jean Jr., 21, son of Andover police officer David L. St. Jean, was stabbed but not seriously injured at a party near Fitchburg State College early Tuesday morning, Sept. 7.

The continued public hearing on the blowing of train whistles in Andover will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29.

A burglar who allegedly invaded at least seven occupied homes in a neighborhood off South Main Street early Monday morning, Sept. 13, was taken into custody at gunpoint yesterday in Somerville.

The Planning Board Tuesday night approved two preliminary submission proposals for the former Marland Mills property off Stevens Street, the first step in owner Bertram Paley's plans to construct a supermarket and 100 assisted-living apartments on the site.

Selectmen Monday night considered taking action on two alcohol licenses, one that is causing a delay in the opening of a new sports bar on Park Street, and the other, which has become a problem with the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission.

Jericho and Andover are separated by several bodies of water and many more thousands of miles. But the joy expressed Monday on the West Bank could be felt throughout the world.

Senator John D. O'Brian, D-Andover, and Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, jointly announced that the Andover Cultural Council has received funding for the 1994 fiscal year.

Attention residents whose trash is collected in Fridays: The town is conducting a pilot program on tin for five weeks.

- Compiled by *Townsmen* intern Kyrd Auffermann

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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# Fall varsity teams flex their muscles

17 wins for Andover High teams already – and it's only mid-September

By Rick Harrison

The 2003 fall sports season has started off in a successful way for the nine Andover High varsity athletic teams, who at presstime boasted a solid combined won-lost-tied record of 17-5-1.

## CROSS COUNTRY

In the cross country program's most impressive opening in years, both the Andover High boys and girls teams swept Merrimack Valley Conference tri-meets with close wins over Lowell and host Billerica.

The AHS boys, led by senior Capt. Ryan Durkin's individual victory, slipped past Lowell, 27-28, and nudged Billerica, 26-30.

The Lady Warriors used their advertised depth and balance to trim Lowell, 25-31, and Billerica, 21-38.

## Schedule

The locals returned to the trails with another MVC tri-meet yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, against Lawrence and host Chelmsford.

Saturday morning Andover will compete in the annual Tewksbury Co-ed Relays (10 a.m.), and Monday both AHS teams trek to Dracut for a dual meet.

## Andover boys

Ryan Durkin was a runaway winner of the 2.8 mile race at Billerica, covering the course in 14 minutes, 10 seconds to beat second-place finisher Brian Gagnon of Lowell by exactly one minute (15:10).

Also placing top 10 for Andover were junior James Primes, fourth in 15:23, junior Jim Muller (9th, 15:46) and junior Sasha Seletsky (10th, 15:47).

Rounding out the AHS scorers was senior Brad Sherman, who placed 14th in 15:59.

One second behind was junior Oleg Seletsky in 15th at 16 minutes even.

## Andover girls

Sophomore first-year runner Christy Nigh was the first Lady Warrior across the line in 19 minutes, 27 seconds, taking third place overall behind individual winner Anastasia Graham of Lowell (19:07) and runner-up Noelle Horelik of Lowell (19:08).

The Lady Warriors then clinched the double triumph by grabbing four of the next six places.

Junior Melissa Foley was 5th in 19:41, Maggie Putnam 7th in 19:56, senior Emily Farmer 8th in 19:57 and junior Bryanna Casey 9th in 20:03.

Other AHS harriers in the top 15 were senior Anne Galebach (12th, 20:26) and Alice Yuan (15th, 21:03).

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

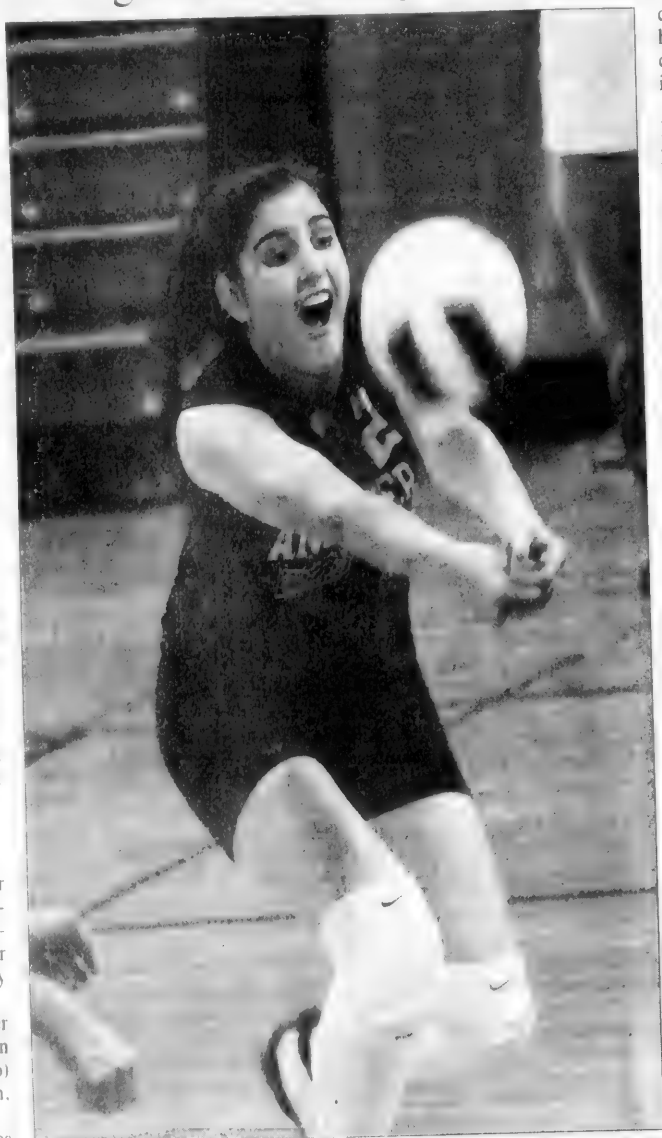
Shaking off slow starts in both of its first two matches, the Andover High girls varsity volleyball team rallied to sweep past Merrimack Valley Conference foe Methuen, 2-0, and battle from a one-game deficit to a 2-1 triumph over non-league rival Lexington High.

The Lady Warriors were at a disadvantage against Lexington, with All-Scholastic standout Ashley McLaughlin away at a Holy Cross women's basketball recruits weekend.

## Schedule

Andover played at Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and has a match tomorrow night at Billerica (6:30 p.m.).

Next Monday the locals host Central Catholic (6:30 p.m.) and Wednes-



Matia Kostakis, new to the Andover girls volleyball team, battles Lexington at Andover High last Saturday. Kostakis was a member of the 2003 Lady Warriors basketball team, which finished last spring as state champions.

day afternoon Lowell will invade the Dunn Gym.

## Andover 2 Methuen 0

After rallying from behind to pull out the first game in overtime, 32-30, the Lady Warriors completed the season-opening sweep with a thunderous 30-10 romp in game two.

"We trailed the whole first game until finally tying it 27-27," said coach George Sullivan. "It was our worst game to that point, after solid showings in our Play Days against some very good teams including Haverhill and Lexington."

"We made foolish mistakes and were caught standing around and letting balls drop between players."

Enter senior outside hitter Adrienne Hinds, whose outstanding serving to open the second game lifted AHS out of the doldrums.

Hinds served 11 straight points, including six aces, as the locals bolted to a 14-4 lead on the way to the 20-point victory.

"We let Methuen hang around in the first game," said Sullivan. "But Adrienne's serving took the heart out of them."

Top hitters for Andover were Capt. Ashley McLaughlin with eight kills and a perfect 20-for-20. Hinds 14-for-14 with six kills, Capt. Meagan Merinder 8-for-11, sophomore Samantha Kerivan 7-for-10 with two kills and senior Stephanie Krey 6-for-9 with two kills.

Hinds finished 16-for-16 serving with six aces, while McLaughlin went 10-for-10 with two aces, sophomore Kelly O'Dea 11-for-11, Meagan

Merinder 8-for-8, junior Erin Korte 4-for-4 with one ace, Laura Lamontagne 4-for-5 and sophomore setter Jen Merinder 3-for-5 with one ace.

"McLaughlin and (Meagan) Merinder picked their spots well and were very sharp with their serves," said Sullivan.

The Lady Warriors were 57-for-66 hitting as a team, with 18 kills, and their serve efficiency was 95 percent.

"Defense was our weakest link," said Sullivan. "That kills me because we spend so much time in practice on that facet of the game. But the way we were passing (24-for-34) you'd never know we do the drills. We have to improve our passing and angle blocking."

The Andover JV-A and JV-B teams both won 2-0 in prelim matches.

Sparkling the A-team to its 30-12, 30-16 romp were Kristen Pinksten (serving), Andrea Kurkul (hitting) and Karen McSweeney (hitting).

In a 30-5, 30-6 triumph for JV-B, the top players included Allison Navarro (defense), Sarah Kelleher (hitting) and Kasey O'Dea (setting).

## Andover 2 Lexington 1

The visiting Minutemaids jumped ahead early and raced to a 30-16 victory in the first game, before some timely substitutions and more aggressive play reversed the momentum completely for lopsided 30-12 and 30-14 Andover victories in games two and three.

"We played timid at the start — the same as we had against Methuen," said coach Sullivan. "Our passing was atroc-

ious and we were trying too hard for service aces instead of concentrating on putting the ball in play."

But strong blocking by Matia Kostakis, excellent defense and passing by sophomore Brittany Pierce, and sharp serving from sisters Meagan and Jen Merinder helped AHS take control of the match.

Jen Merinder served six straight points in the middle game, and Meagan Merinder kept the ball for eight consecutive serves in the final game.

"This is the first year of volleyball for Matia (Kostakis). She's still learning the sport. But she's a versatile athlete who's improving quickly," said Sullivan.

"Stephanie Krey also stepped up big time in this match. Her play is consistent and she's coachable," said Sullivan.

Leading hitters for the locals were Adrienne Hinds (13-for-15, five kills), sophomore Samantha Kerivan (8-for-9, three kills), Krey (5-for-5), Meagan Merinder (5-for-6) and Kostakis (5-for-7, one kill).

As a team the Lady Warriors finished 36-for-44 with nine kills.

Strong serving came from Jen Merinder (17-for-19, four aces), Hinds (12-for-12, four aces) and Meagan Merinder (12-for-16, team-high eight aces).

Also solid were Kerivan (9-for-9, one ace), Laura Lamontagne (5-for-6, one ace), sophomore Kelly O'Dea (4-for-5), and Erin Korte (2-for-4).

Overall Andover was 61-for-71 serving with 18 aces.

Defensive standouts included Meagan Merinder and Hinds, both 20-for-27 passing, Lamontagne (11-for-12 passing), Brittany Pierce (9-for-9 passing) and Kostakis (2-for-3 passing).

Grisel Vasquez also hit well and Kerri O'Dea was strong defensively.

The Andover JV-A squad was a 2-0 winner, by 30-10 and 30-7 scores, in the prelim. Top servers were Shannon Fitzgerald and Leslie Barber, leading hitters Adrienne Kurkul and Rebecca Dampousse, strong defenders Caitlin Jackson and Caitlin Toland.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Andover High should be a force in the Merrimack Valley Conference once again this fall, as the Lady Warriors launched the season with resounding wins over Dracut (5-1) and Lawrence (6-1) prior to a 1-0 loss to Chelmsford.

AHS showed amazing balance in the first two games, with 10 players accounting for the 11 goals.

## Schedule

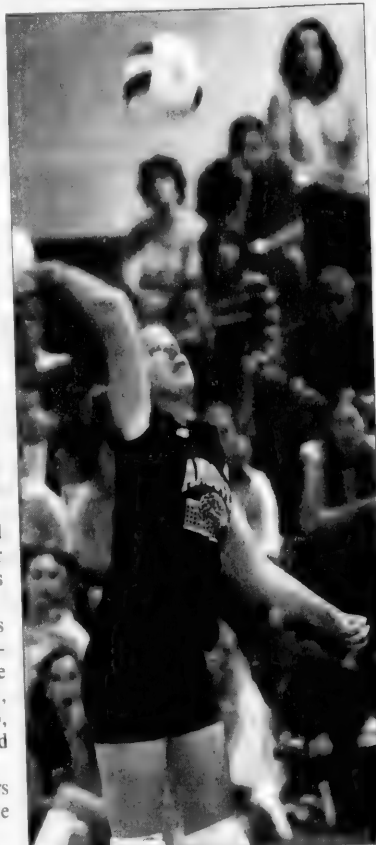
The Lady Warriors hosted MVC rival Tyngsboro yesterday afternoon at Lovely Field, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tomorrow afternoon Lowell visits for a 3:30 p.m. game.

Next Monday the first of two home-and-home games against non-league foe Bedford is set for Andover (3:45 p.m.).

## Andover 5 Dracut 1

The Lady Warriors had a goal each from five players, grabbing a 2-0 lead at the half before adding three more tallies in the final 30 minutes.

Capt. Krissy Levis launched the scoring with a goal at 16:27, and junior forward Jamie Maltz made it 2-0 at 26:07.



Samantha Kerivan was 9-for-9 in serves for AHS against Lexington.

Andover broke the game open with three quick goals in the opening eight minutes of the second half.

Senior forward Allison Abreau connected at the 1:50 mark, senior forward Adrienne Shea scored just 16 seconds later and junior midfielder Jacqui Munro completed the attack at the 7:38 mark.

Maltz also dished off two assists while sophomore forward Casey Salois. Munro and Levis had an assist each.

Junior goaltenders Elissa Slovin and Aeysha Rabinini kept the Middies off the board until Tina Botti spoiled the shutout bid by notching an unassisted goal with 2:34 left.

AHS finished with 19 corners and a 17-2 shots-on-goal advantage.

## Andover 6 Lawrence 1

Once again the locals spread the scoring wealth around.

Six players had a goal each with the first five netted less than six minutes apart in the opening half.

The rapid-fire barrage was started by Adrienne Shea at 10:17, followed by Casey Salois at 11:17, Brittany Wadbrook unassisted at 13:01, Zara Golden at 14:17 and Rithi Mathias at 15:50.

Lawrence broke up the shutout 10 minutes into the second half, and that goal was offset by a Lindsay Davidson marker for AHS at 21:20.

Jacqui Munro picked up three assists while Jamie Maltz and Capt. Stephanie Sweeney added a set-up each.

"We started plugging in a lot of reserves and JV players early in the game," said coach Maureen Noone.

Elissa Slovin played the first 15 minutes in net and Aeysha Rabinini stopped two of three shots over the final 45 minutes.

"Our midfielders Krissy Levis, Jacqui Munro and Brittany Wadbrook played very well," said Noone. "They controlled the transition game."

## Chelmsford 1 Andover 0

This clash of the titans wasn't

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## Your Dental Health

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF NICE TEETH

According to a recent survey by a toothbrush manufacturer, most Americans (83%) surveyed called their teeth a "top priority." After "money," "looking good," and "feeling good," teeth were the most important thing in life. The survey also indicated that they considered the quality of people's smiles as important as their teeth. At the same time, 79% of Americans said they would rather have a slight gum bleeding from brushing is almost always a sign of gum disease. While most Americans appreciate nice teeth, many need to better appreciate the fine points of oral care.

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# Warriors get started on right foot

New QB Stevens 12-for-18 as AHS bests host North Andover, 34-7, in gridiron kickoff

By Rick Harrison

Andover High head football coach Ken Maglio said the team's biggest question mark entering the season opener was at quarterback.

That query was answered in a big way by six-foot junior Geoff Stevens, whose varsity debut was more of an exclamation point as he directed the Golden Warriors to a resounding 34-7 non-league victory over North Andover under the lights at Alvah G. Hayes Stadium.

Andover, looking for a suitable replacement for graduate Nick Stamas, appears to have found one.

Stevens' auspicious bow included touchdown runs of one and four yards, as well as an eight-yard TD pass to Dennis Collins for the first points of the season. Stevens was 12-for-18, passing for 155 yards.

This was the first time these two teams had played since 1999, when Andover rolled to a 28-8 win, and it marked the locals' 10th straight victory

over the Scarlet Knights since 1987 in this on-again-off-again series.

Buddy Farnham, considered by many as one of the top two or three sophomore football players in Eastern Massachusetts, did nothing to tarnish that image after he broke loose on a 64 yard touchdown run and caught six passes for 94 more yards to help set up several other scores.

Junior halfback Matt Hennessy ran hard, finishing with 62 yards on 12 carries, and Collins finished with four pass receptions for 41 yards.

Converted center Ben Newman pounded over for a TD from two yards out, and the first-year fullback also threw some crunching blocks for primary ballcarriers Hennessy, Stevens and Farnham.

The Golden Warriors established their superiority quickly, taking the lead with five minutes gone and moving ahead 14-0 after one quarter and 21-0 at the half.

It was 34-0 before the Scarlet

Knights spoiled the shutout bid with a touchdown by Andrew Foote with only 41 seconds left in the game.

Placekicker Joel Keefe completed the AHS scoring by converting 4-of-5 extra points.

Andover is back on the road tomorrow night for another non-league game, renewing acquaintances with former Merrimack Valley Conference rival Wilmington at the Wildcats' Alumni Field. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Andover and Wilmington were rivals for years, until the Cats left the MVC in favor of the Cape Ann League in 1995.

The last time the teams met on the gridiron, in the fall of 1994, AHS pulled out a wild 27-23 victory.

That win capped a string of eight straight against Wilmington, with the Wildcats last triumph 24-7 in 1984.

Although many of the games were decided by a touchdown or less, Andover has beaten Wilmington 15 of

## GAME SUMMARY

ANDOVER 34, NORTH ANDOVER 7 at Alvah G. Hayes Stadium					
Andover	14	7	0	7	34
North Andover	0	0	0	7	7
First Quarter					
A: Dennis Collins 8 pass from Geoff Stevens (Joel Keefe kick)					
A: Buddy Farnham 64 run (Keefe kick)					
Second Quarter					
A: Stevens 1 run (Keefe kick)					
Third Quarter					
A: Ben Newman 2 run (kick failed)					
Fourth Quarter					
A: Stevens 4 run (Keefe kick)					
NA: Andy Foote 11 run (Dave Holland kick)					

their last 16 meetings.

This is the first time Maglio has faced Wilmington as head coach.

The Cats, who have thrived under eight-year head coach Bob Almeida (52-23 record), enter this one 0-1 after suffering a tough 7-0 loss to Cape Ann League archrival Pentucket Regional

last weekend.

Pentucket scored with 35 seconds left in the game to pull out the win.

Wilmington, although held scoreless, moved well on the ground with veteran back Sean Godding picking up 122 yards rushing and Rob Gillis adding 78.

## AHS ROUNDUP

### FIELD HOCKEY

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decided until the host Lions broke the scoreless tie with just four minutes to play in the night game at Simonian/Alumni Stadium.

It was the first time the locals had been shut out in a regular season game since last Sept. 17, when ironically Chelmsford turned the trick 1-0 with a goal late in the game.

The only other whitewash last season was in the Division 1 North Tournament where Wakefield prevailed, 1-0, in overtime.

"We outplayed them," said coach Noone. "Our midfielders moved the ball well and we finished with a 10-5 shooting edge."

"But we couldn't catch a break and even missed a penalty stroke when the ball deflected off the crossbar."

More bad luck surfaced midway through the game when junior forward Jamie Maltz became ill and had to sit out the rest of the way.

Sarah Bullock scored the goal for Chelmsford (2-0-1), assist to Caitlin DiCecca, and Lions' goaltender Jamie Hirsch made 10 saves for the shutout.

Elissa Slovin halted four shots in the Andover net, and strong efforts were contributed by forward Adrienne Shea and midfielders Brittany Wadbrook, Krissy Levis and Jacqui Munro.

### GIRLS SOCCER

An impressive come-from-behind 2-2 tie with unbeaten archrival Billerica, the only team aside from multi-time

champ Andover to win a Merrimack Valley Conference title in girls soccer, highlighted recent play for the Lady Warrior booters.

That deadlock, along with a pair of victories over Bishop Fenwick of Peabody (3-2) and Tewksbury (3-1), kept AHS undefeated at 3-0-1.

### Schedule

Andover hosts Haverhill this afternoon (Thursday) at Lovely Field (3:30 p.m.), and tomorrow on Andover Soccer Association Uniform Night the locals host McDonogh High of Maryland (7 p.m.).

### Andover 2 Billerica 2

Trailing 2-0 with less than nine minutes to play, the Lady Warriors rallied to forge the Merrimack Valley Conference tie against Billerica at Lovely Field.

Billerica, currently 5-0-1, took a 2-0 lead with goals midway through the first half and with one minute left in the period.

Junior stopper Christie Spang put the locals on the board at 31:24 of the second half, converting after the rebound of a corner kick by junior Brittany Moriarty squirted away from Billerica keeper Brett Maron.

Spang collected the loose ball and fired a shot along the ground and into the BMHS net, spoiling Maron's bid for her third shutout in five games.

Sophomore forward Jen Hagopian picked an excellent time to score her first varsity goal, tying the game by connecting with just 2:53 left.

Jackie Powers, who notched the assist, drilled a 20 yard shot that deflected off Maron and went to Hagopian angling in from the right wing. She slammed a quick shot into the lower left corner at 37:07.

"We had very little intensity early on," said head coach Dick Loschi. "Billerica was more organized, probably because this was their fifth game and only our second."

"We were definitely the superior team in the second half. We applied constant pressure and waited for the favorable bounces. In addition to the two goals we had many other excellent opportunities. But Maron is a good goalie and she made some outstanding saves."

Andover finished with a 13-8 shooting edge, keepers Arianna Miliotis (first half) and Micaela Smith making three saves each while Maron finished with 11.

Playing well for AHS were sophomore midfielder Emily Pallotta, forward Allison Kerivan and defender Maura Daniels.

### Andover 3 Bishop Fenwick 2

The Lady Warriors took a 2-0 half-time lead on goals by Emily Pallotta and Jen Hagopian, before Jackie Powers pumped in the eventual winning goal unassisted midway through the second half of this non-leaguer played in Peabody.

Pallotta drove home a direct kick just 1:55 into the game, and it looked like the rout was on after Hagopian made it 2-0 just three minutes later (4:56) with an assist to Allison Kerivan.

Hagopian completed a nice individual effort by cutting around a Fenwick defender and driving the ball home.

But the Lady Crusaders settled down, and it remained 2-0 until Fenwick connected on a direct kick at 9:24 of the second half to slice the AHS lead in half.

Powers' goal at 23:15 restored the two-goal cushion, and came when she collected an errant Fenwick pass before drilling a 20 yard shot to the top right corner of the net.

The Lady Crusaders added their second tally with just 50 seconds left in the game.

"It was very nice to see our girls come out of the chute aggressively right from the start of the game," said coach Loschi. "We passed well and it was a very positive performance from beginning to end against a good opponent."

Arianna Miliotis and Micaela Smith split the goalkeeping and made three saves each.

Loschi cited the excellent play of junior midfielder Michelle Pirro and senior defender Jeannie Lothrop.

### Andover 3 Tewksbury 1

Jackie Powers netted her fourth and fifth goals of the season to break a 1-1 tie and boost the Lady Warriors to the road win Tuesday afternoon at Tewksbury.

Powers gave Andover a 2-1 lead in the final minute of the first half, completing a play that started when Emily Pallotta moved the ball to the right side before chipping it back to the front of the TMHS net.

Allison Kerivan deflected the ball off her head to Powers, who drilled a 12 yard shot into the net.

Andover clung to the tenuous lead until Powers pocketed the insurance goal with less than three minutes to play in the game, with the set-up to senior defender Mallory Jaracz at 37:20 of the second half.

Jaracz took possession of the ball in AHS territory before driving it 30 yards upfield to Powers, who outmuscled a Tewksbury defender and drilled a hard shot to the top left corner.

"Tewksbury played a 'man-mark' game that created a lot of 1-on-1 situations," said coach Loschi. "We were able to out-tussle them and that was the key to the game."

Meredith Johnson launched the AHS scoring at 24:24 of the first half, running on to the ball for a quick shot after a long throw-in by Capt. Erica Weeks cleared the Tewksbury defense.

Lauren Bagley's unassisted goal for Tewksbury at 36:05 tied the score and set the stage for Powers to take control.

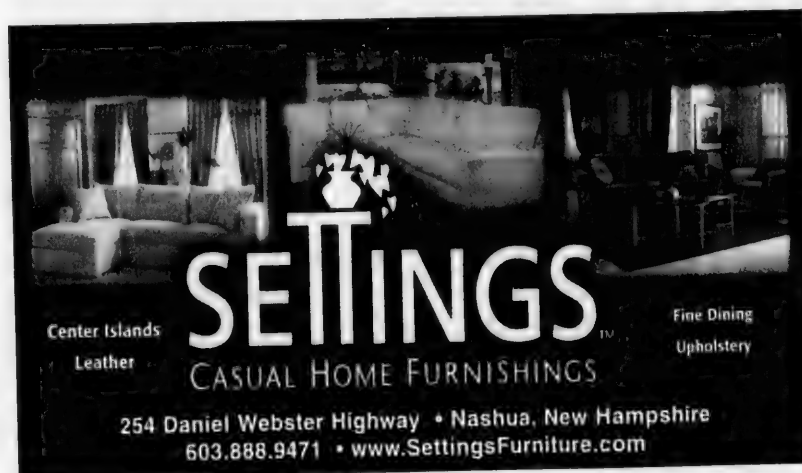
Goalkeepers Micaela Smith (first half) and Arianna Miliotis split the duties and made two saves each.

Defensive standouts for the locals included Jeannie Lothrop and Michelle Pirro.

### BOYS SOCCER

After launching the season with a pair of close losses, the Andover High boys soccer team clamped down defensively and reeled off three straight shutout wins over a four-day stretch.

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Mt. Vernon & Broadway Lawrence	6:35am	7:25am
Shawsheen Sq. Rt. 28 & 133 Andover	6:40am	7:30am
Andover Center in Front Municipal Parking Lot	6:45am	7:35am
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7:40am	8:30am	
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OUTBOUND FROM BOSTON	B4	B5
Govt. Center 100 Cambridge St. (Saltonstall Building)	4:40pm	5:25pm
State Transportation Building Charles St. side	4:50pm	5:35pm
Corner of Essex & Lincoln Streets	5:00pm	5:45pm
Arrival at Andover, approximately 40 minutes from final Boston stop. The bus will stop at the following locations: Andover at the Faith Lutheran Church, Municipal Parking Lot, Shawsheen Sq. Lawrence at Mt. Vernon and Broadway, Bowdoin St. and Broadway.		
Methuen, Pelham St. Park & Ride.		



## AHS ROUNDUP

## BOYS SOCCER

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Two of those victories came in the ninth annual Andover/North Andover Invitational Tournament, as the locals blanked Pentucket Regional of West Newbury, 3-0, in the semifinals and whitewashed North Andover, 2-0, to win the championship.

The Golden Warriors began the string of zeroes with a 3-0 Merrimack Valley Conference triumph over Chelmsford.

The shutout and victory streaks both ended Tuesday afternoon when visiting Billerica nudged Andover, 2-1, at Lovely Field.

Those results left AHS at 3-3 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

## Schedule

Andover plays Haverhill tonight

## ANDOVER SCORING

FOOTBALL  
(1 game)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Geoff Stevens	2	0	12
Dennis Collins	1	0	6
Buddy Farnham	1	0	6
Ben Newman	1	0	6
Joel Keefe	0	4	4

TD Passes: Geoff Stevens 1.

TD Receptions: Dennis Collins 1.

FIELD HOCKEY  
(3 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Jacqui Munro	1	4	5
Jamie Maltz	1	3	4
Adrienne Shea	2	0	2
Krissy Lewis	1	1	2
Casey Salois	1	1	2
Allison Abreau	1	0	1
Lindsay Davidson	1	0	1
Zara Golden	1	0	1
Rithi Mathias	1	0	1
Brittany Wadbrook	1	0	1
Stephanie Sweeney	0	1	1

(Thursday) under the lights at Haverhill Stadium (7 p.m.), and returns to action next Tuesday afternoon at Lawrence (3:30).

Andover 3  
Chelmsford 0

Sophomore midfielder Brian Thompson figured in all the scoring, netting two goals for the second time this season and setting up the first tally as the Golden Warriors registered the shutout victory under the lights at Simonian/Alumni Stadium in Chelmsford.

Ash Edmonds notched the only goal necessary 12 minutes into the game, converting Thompson's crossing pass from the end line.

Thompson boosted the locals lead to 2-0 as he one-touched a through ball from Capt. Tim Bengston at the 25-minute mark.

Thompson completed the scoring off a Bengston corner kick early in the second half.

"Brian (Thompson) has been a bit of a surprise," said coach Mike Wartman.

"He was one of the top scorers for the freshman team last year, but it's not easy to come up to the varsity as a sophomore and start pumping in goals right away."

"He's a very committed soccer player," added Wartman. "He has good skills, he works hard and it's paying off."

Junior goalkeeper Mike Canepa played the entire game and made eight saves for the shutout.

Andover outshot the Lions, 13-8.

Billerica 2  
Andover 1

Despite a big territorial advantage in the second half, the Golden Warriors could manage only one goal and dropped this tight decision to BMHS.

Tim Conway netted both goals for the Indians, the

game-winner on a penalty kick that gave Billerica a 2-0 lead during the 15th minute of the second half.

Jarrett Mackin put Andover on the board with his team-high fifth goal at 25:27, re-directing a crossing pass by junior forward Greg Famiglietti to the far corner of the net.

"We dominated the second half," said coach Wartman. "We were in their end for most of the final 30 minutes, putting the pressure on and creating scoring opportunities."

"In the first half we came out flat and that got us into trouble."

AHS goalkeeper Mike Canepa played the entire game and finished with four saves.

ANDOVER/NORTH ANDOVER INVITATIONAL  
SEMIFINAL ROUND  
Andover 3  
Pentucket Regional 0

The Golden Warriors did all their scoring in the first half, while the defense held Pentucket to four shots on goal to post the team's second straight shutout victory.

Capt. Tim Bengston launched the attack a mere 30 seconds into the game when he took a pass from Brian Thompson and filled the empty lower right corner of the net.

"It's always nice to score that early in a game," said coach Wartman. "I think Pentucket got discouraged quickly."

Ryan D'Angelo connected for his first varsity goal on a shot from in close, Bengston notching the assist as the locals moved ahead 2-0.

Jarrett Mackin's third goal of the season wrapped up the offense during the 27th minute. He banged home the rebound of a shot by Bengston who chalked up his third point of the night.

Senior Capt. Pat Twomey went the distance in net and posted the four-save shutout.

Junior midfielder Greg Spurr and Ash Edmonds played well for Andover.

"The bench was very involved tonight," said Wartman. "There was plenty of support from all the kids along the sidelines."

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME  
Andover 2  
North Andover 0

First-half goals by Tim Bengston

## ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS SOCCER  
(4 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Jackie Powers	5	1	6
Emily Pallotta	1	3	4
Jen Hagopian	2	0	2
Allison Kerivan	0	2	2
Meredith Johnson	1	0	1
Christie Spang	1	0	1
Mallory Jaracz	0	1	1
Arianna Miliotis	0	1	1
Brittany Moriarty	0	1	1
Erica Weeks	0	1	1

BOYS SOCCER  
(6 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Tim Bengston	3	5	8
Brian Thompson	4	2	6
Jarrett Mackin	5	0	5
Ash Edmonds	1	1	2
Vasili Kostakis	0	2	2
Greg Spurr	0	2	2
Ryan D'Angelo	1	0	1
Greg Famiglietti	0	1	1

Shutouts: Pat Twomey 2; Mike Canepa 1.

man Colin Brennan remained undefeated and also grabbed team medalist honors with a one-over-par 37.

Junior Brian Retelle also chalked up two points with a win, shooting 42, while freshman Kevin Calabro completed the scoring by halving his match.

The loss left Andover at 2-1 overall.

## Schedule

Andover hosted Tewksbury (2-2) this afternoon (Thursday) at Indian Ridge, and tomorrow the locals face Dracut at Hickory Hill GC in Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

A big test is on tap next Tuesday when undefeated MVC leader Central Catholic (8-0) comes to Indian Ridge (3:30).

## GOLF

The vagaries of high school golf were apparent Tuesday afternoon when the Andover High linksmen fell from the undefeated ranks with a 15-5 loss to host Lowell in their Merrimack Valley Conference match at Mt. Pleasant Golf Club.

These were the same two teams that played 12 days earlier at the Golden Warriors home course, Indian Ridge Country Club, with AHS rolling to a near-shutout 19-1 triumph.

For the locals, who hadn't played a competitive match in eight days, fresh-

14U Girls AAU  
tryouts set

The Warrior Basketball Club will hold a tryout for its 14U Girls AAU team this Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m., at Wood Hill Middle School, in anticipation of several fall tournaments.

For information, contact Jim Tildsley at 978-470-1128, or Leo Burke at 781-233-0337.

## Andover Soccer Association event

## Friday is Uniform Night

The Andover High Soccer Boosters are sponsoring two Andover Soccer Association (ASA) Uniform Nights at Lovely Field.

Any Andover youth soccer player wearing his or her team jersey will be admitted to a pair of Andover High varsity games at no charge when accompanied by a parent or coach.

The second Uniform Night is tomorrow (Friday) when the AHS girls host Maryland powerhouse McDonogh High. Game time is 7 p.m.

ASA players are encouraged to "come watch the high school teams compete in a terrific family night," according to organizers.

## ACBL sets registration; deadline Oct. 4

The Andover Church Basketball League is currently holding registration for youth in grades 4 through 8.

Registration forms are available at local churches or at the Andover Hockey Shop in Shawsheen Square and at Memorial Hall Library.

Deadline for registering is Saturday, Oct. 4. The fee is \$40.

The ACBL has six separate divisions for boys and girls, the Junior (4th grade), Intermediate (5th-6th grade) and Senior (7th-8th grade).

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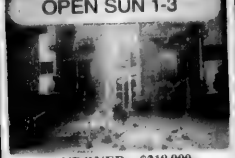
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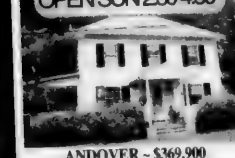
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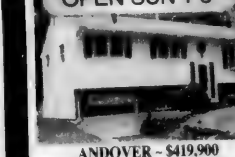
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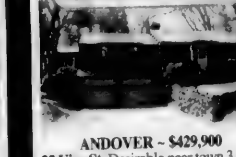
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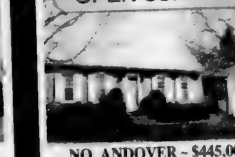
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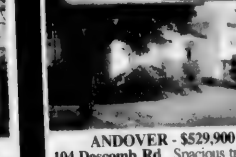
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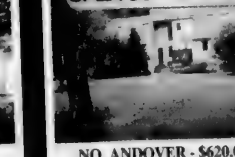
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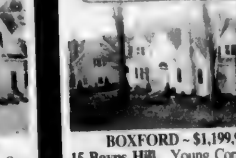
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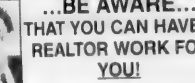
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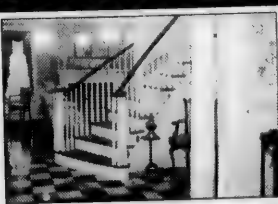


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on the petition Anne R. Hemmer, 60 High Plain Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct a portico that will not meet dimensional requirements.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 6:30p.m., in The Hall, Memorial Hall Library pursuant to the August 26, 2003 Order of Remand to the Board of Appeals by the Essex Superior Court to conduct further proceedings on the application of Brookview Country Homes, Inc. for a Variance under Sections 4.1.2, 3.3.4 & 5.1.5.4b and Special Permits under Sections 3.3.3 & 7.6.2 of the Andover Zoning By-Law. The application was originally submitted on February 7, 2002 and sought approval for 4 units; pursuant to the Order of Remand the applicant has submitted for the consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals a revised proposal for the construction of 3 units in one building with 5 parking spaces; all situated on a 0.434 acre parcel of, said property located at 45-47 High Street, and being more particularly identified as Lot 105 on Assessor's Map 38. All materials relating to this application and the revised proposal may be examined in the Board of Appeals office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS September 18 & 25, 2003

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate  
And Family Court  
Department  
ESSEX Division  
Docket No.

03P1854EP1

In the Estate of  
GRACE F. HACKETT  
Late of ANDOVER  
In the County of  
ESSEXDate of Death  
July 1, 2003  
NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHRISTINE M. HACKETT of SEATTLE in the State of Washington GRACE F. DUFOR as she is NAMED IN WILL AS GRACE F. HACKETT of HAVERHILL in the County of ESSEX be appointed co-executors, named in the will to serve without surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON OCTOBER 14, 2003.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16. WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, September 9, 2003. Pamela Casey, O'Brien Register of Probate Court September 18, 2003

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
The Trial Court  
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Department  
Essex Division  
Docket No. 358550  
Notice Of  
Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of MARY DRISCOLL O'BRIEN, otherwise known as MARY D. O'BRIEN late of ANDOVER, Essex County.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the fifteenth to eighteenth and final account(s) inclusive, of FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY as Trustee (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of FREDRIC S. O'BRIEN have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the sixth day of OCTOBER, 2003, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon John C. Stevens, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Essex this twenty-eighth day of August, 2003.

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate  
September 18, 2003

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
The Trial Court  
Probate  
And Family Court  
Department  
Essex Division  
Docket No. 01P1154EP1  
NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of WENDY L. ROBERTS AKA WENDY L. LEE ROBERTS late of ANDOVER, Essex County.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of KIMBERLY A. BERINGER as temporary and permanent EXECUTRIX (the fiduciary) of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the fourteenth day of OCTOBER, 2003, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon John C. Stevens, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Essex this ninth day of September, 2003.

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate  
September 18, 2003

TOWN OF ANDOVER  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Thursday, October 2, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in The Hall, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover on the application of Greenwood Meadows, LLC, for Technical Amendments to a Comprehensive Permit for affordable housing under Chapter 40B of the General Laws issued on July 25, 2003. The Comprehensive Permit approved, with conditions, the development of a home ownership project consisting of 20 detached single-family homes with associated parking and garages, on a 6.8-acre site located at 191-199 Greenwood Road and 90 Chandler Road, and being more particularly identified as Lots 7, 8, 9, 9A, and 23 (in part) on Assessor's Map 130. The approved application and plans, as well as the proposed technical amendments may be viewed in the office of the Board of Appeals, Town Office Building, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
September 18 & 25, 2003

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 292263  
To: David S. Maxey and Mitra T. Gilani also known as Mitra Maxey and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended; St. Paul Asset Management Company claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 106 Colonial Drive, given by David S. Maxey and Mitra T. Gilani also known as Mitra Maxey to Mortgage Master, Inc., dated September 11, 1996, and recorded at the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4593, Page 37, and now held by plaintiff by assignment; has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 27th day of October, 2003, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 5th day of September, 2003.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
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A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Andover, being shown as Lot No. 18 on a plan entitled "Relocation of lot lines of Subdivision and Acceptance Plan, portion of Lincoln Circle, Andover, owned by Lillian H. Cussell, October 1958"; said plan being recorded in the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 3742; said premises being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Northerly one hundred and fifty and 50/100 feet by Lillian Terrace as shown on said plan;

Northeasterly thirty one and 42/100 feet by the curve at the intersection of Lillian Terrace and Lincoln Circle West as shown on said plan;

Easterly eight feet by Lincoln Circle West as shown on said plan;

Southerly one hundred sixty one and 53/100 feet by Lot No. 21 on said plan;

Westerly one hundred and 67/100 feet by Lot 19 as shown on said plan.

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This conveyance is made subject to restrictions of record which are now in force and applicable.

For title reference, see Deed dated September 21, 1994 and recorded with said Deeds at Book 4130, Page 121.

The Mortgagee believes that it holds a first priority mortgage, but that claim has been disputed by the holders of (i) a mortgage given by Brian J. Callery and Olga M. Callery to

National Lenders Incorporated, dated August 24, 1995, and filed with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4321, Page 314, in the original principal amount of \$200,000.00, (ii) a mortgage given by Brian J. Callery and Olga M. Callery to Anthony Mesiti, dated March 13, 1996, and filed with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4456, Page 145, in the original principal amount of \$53,000.00, as affected by the document filed with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6846, Page 132, and (iii) a mortgage given by Brian J. Callery and Olga M. Callery to Anthony Mesiti, dated December 20, 1996, and filed with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 7009, Page 19, in the original principal amount of \$400,000.00.

The mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefits of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, betterments, liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, or entitled to precedence over the mortgage, if any, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises.

If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in the order of their bid), provided that such other bidder deposits with Mortgagee's attorneys, Michienzie & Sawin LLC, the amount of the required deposit as set forth below within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to such other bidder within thirty (30) days of the default.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Basement *Living*



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Laurie Zimmerman Krauss and Kevin Krauss at the bar in their basement, with a gas grill built into the brick wall.

### By Thea Shapiro

When it comes to finishing a basement, Andover families have tried a variety of options. Some simply add an old couch and a TV, or perhaps a pool table, while others install racquetball courts or home-entertainment rooms that could rival some small theaters.

All basements are not created equal.

Laurie Zimmerman Krauss and her family's lower level is anything but the typical basement.

Krauss; her two children, Zachary, 13, and Zoë, 9; her husband, Kevin Krauss; her stepdaughter Micaela, 10; and their three birds, two dogs and two cats live in a comfortable home on William Street.

To get downstairs, one walks past the kitchen and down a few stairs to a landing where the family's three exotic birds – Eli, an umbrella cockatoo; Kiwi, a yellow-naped Amazon; and Conrad, an African gray congo – face a massive window and talk to most every passerby. Several more stairs lead to a pleasant alcove, still under construction, that opens into a bar area.

The family uses the bar area for indoor grilling. Besides the bar and stools, there is a gas grill built into a brick wall.

On the opposite wall is the children's bathroom, which has a shower large enough to accommodate a group of dirty kids who can come in from playing, put on their swimsuits, and jump into the shower.

A hallway leading to the playroom is painted yellow and red with louvered doors on either side for storage and utility rooms.

The playroom has a commercial tile floor, which Krauss chose because it's durable, and easy to

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# Places to play, work and sleep

## ■ BASEMENT

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clean and care for. The playroom is a kid's dream come true: There's an artist's paint sink for arts and crafts, a large screen TV, a lot of video games and a pull-out couch. Built-in shelves along two walls house toys and supplies. The walls of the room are yellow and red.

Krauss says the playroom is "the kids' space" — the place where they can do whatever they want (within reason). When the family throws a party and the kids are sent down to play in the basement, they all go happily. Not only can the kids play games, paint, or play the piano, they can also listen to music. The entire house, including the basement, is wired for sound, and there is an intercom system, alarms and window controls. A keypad on several walls, including one in the basement provides access to this system. The playroom walls, like the rest of the house, are soundproof because they were originally built with concrete and wire lathe to provide privacy so the noise doesn't bother anyone in the house — including clients Krauss may have in her office, which is also downstairs.

"This is a space they enjoy being in," says Krauss. "When a party is being planned for the neighborhood, it's my house everyone wants to use, because the kids love the basement." There is a small room off the kids' playroom, where the kids are allowed to make more of a mess. It also houses a set of closets and drawers for putting away seasonal clothing.

To the left of the playroom is a room used by Micaela, Krauss' stepdaughter. "It has two trundle beds in it," says Krauss, "so that when Micaela visits, she and Zoë can both sleep in there. Sometimes they invite other girls over for sleepovers and have a wonderful time."

Micaela's room also houses two extra computers for Krauss' consulting business, Zimmerman Associates. Next to the bedroom is Krauss' office. It is bright and airy with large windows that face the yard. The built-in furnishings are made of curly maple and lacewood. Also off the bedroom is a four-season greenhouse. (Krauss claims not to have any luck with plants.) This part of the basement, which is at ground level, is used by her employees as a smoking room.

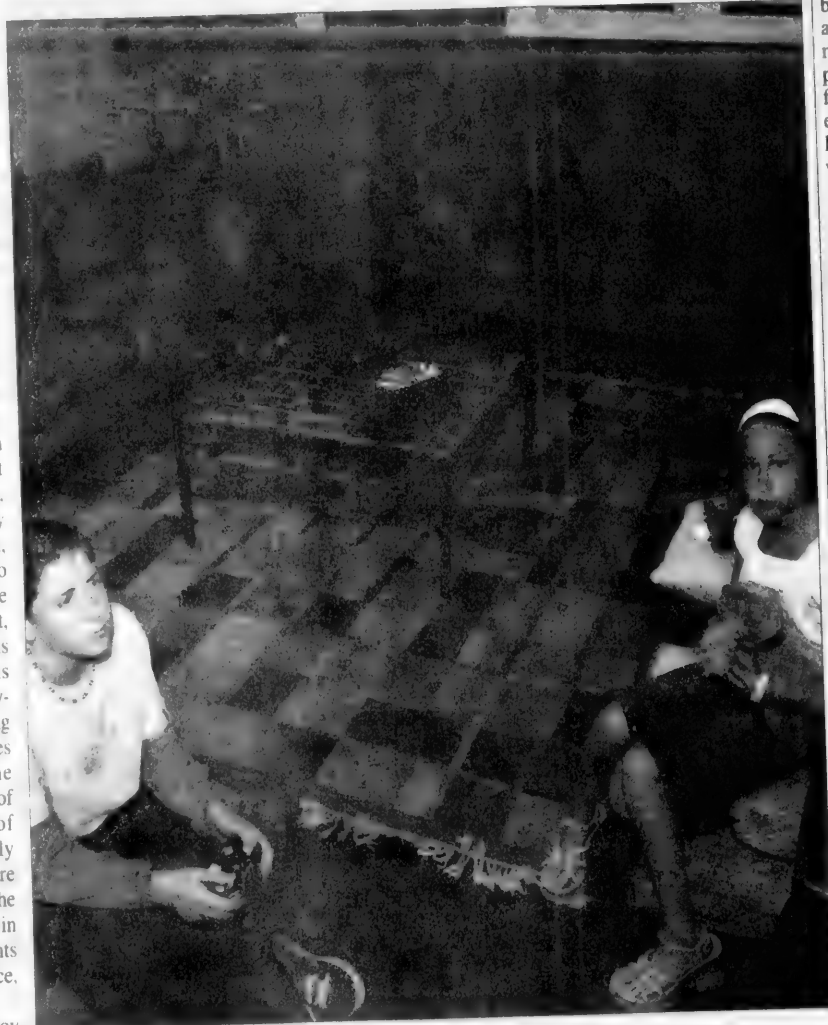
Off the office is the room Krauss calls "the grown-ups' playroom" with a floor-to-ceiling fieldstone fireplace, and comfortable chairs and couches. "It's a place for the grown-ups to hang out in, watch TV, listen to music, or use exercise equipment."

Krauss designed this entire space, working closely with an architect to produce drawings for the contractors, whom she handpicked based on the look

she wanted for each room. "I've worked with contractors who built some of the funkier restaurants in Boston," Krauss says. Detail is important to her and she works hard, she says, "at keeping the integrity with which this house was built. There is no wallpaper in the house, just texture, stone, wood and fabric, and metals. There is no pine; there is cherry, teak,

lacewood and other exotics."

One other interesting detail is that the ceilings in the basement are made of wood squares, screwed into the ceiling beams so that they can be easily removed for access to pipes or whatever may need repair. "I don't decorate for other people," says Krauss. "I decorate and design my home for my family."



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Above: Zachary plays video games in his basement while his sister Zoë looks on. Below: Laurie Zimmerman Krauss at work in her basement office. The furnishings are made of curly maple and lacewood.

## How to paint the basement

One of the first things to think about when refinishing a basement is painting it. How can a homeowner tell if their basement walls and floor are paintable? Below are some tips from product marketing manager Ron Boyajian at California Paints for painting basement walls.

The exterior ground outside the basement walls should be graded to slope away from the foundation of the house.

Interior concrete walls should be thoroughly cleaned with a solution of 1 gallon water/1 quart of bleach/1 cup of Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) cleaning solution. Use a scrub brush and then rinse thoroughly. This will remove any dirt, mildew and/or efflorescence on the walls.

For previously coated surfaces, be sure that any loose or peeling paint is removed with a scraper or wire brush.

If the concrete is porous and has never been coated before, it is recommended to apply a waterproofing paint which contains Portland cement. This will penetrate the pores of the concrete and expand when it is dry, thus waterproofing the surface. If this is a previously painted surface, a waterproofing paint will not work effectively. Waterproofing paint is only recommended for porous, uncoated concrete walls. If the walls are non-porous or semi-smooth, a coat of a masonry conditioner will serve as an excellent primer for subsequent finish coats.

When applying the finish coat to the wall be sure to use a 100 percent acrylic latex paint. Two coats of paint is recommended. No other primer is necessary.

When painting a basement floor, there are two tests that

should be taken to determine if, in fact the surface is paintable.

Test 1: Take a 6- to 8- inch square piece of plastic (i.e. Saran wrap) and tape it to the basement floor making sure that all edges are taped to the floor to allow no air underneath the plastic. Leave overnight and check to see if moisture has formed between the plastic and the floor. This would indicate that moisture is coming up through the concrete floor and evaporating as it reaches the surface. In this test, the piece of plastic acted like a coat of paint. If there is a moisture problem and a coat of paint is applied, this moisture problem could cause the paint to peel. If moisture is present, then the floor is not paintable in its current state. A building contractor should be consulted for corrective actions.

Test 2: Sprinkle several drops of water on the concrete floor. If the water is absorbed by the concrete, this is a paintable surface. If it beads up on the floor, the floor is not paintable. The concrete would require shot-blasting or mechanical abrasion to impart a profile approximately equivalent to a No. 60 grit sandpaper. This would make the floor suitable for paint adhesion.

After these tests have been conducted and it's time to apply a finish coat, apply two coats of a 100 percent acrylic floor enamel. Be sure to thin the first coat with water at a rate of 20-25 percent. This will allow for better penetration of the surface. Apply the second coat "as is" from the can.

After the basement floor and walls have been painted, be sure to keep the basement well ventilated and/or use a dehumidifier if excessive moisture is present.

— compiled by Thea Shapiro

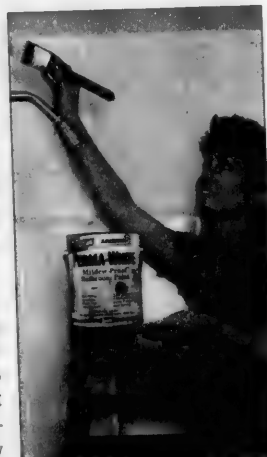
## Preventing mildew growth inside

(MS) — Mildew. It could be those dark stains found on the bathroom ceiling, the walls of the basement, in the laundry room or in other high humidity areas of the home. Mildew often looks like dirt, but can be easily identified by applying a drop of household bleach to the discolored area. If the stain disappears or lightens, it's mildew.

Cleaning may remove it, but the trick to controlling mildew is to prevent it before it starts. By using some ideas from the mildew experts at Zinsser, you can minimize — and even prevent — many mildew problems:

- Keep airflow constant. Consider installing an exhaust fan and replacing solid doors with louvered ones to improve ventilation in mildew-prone areas. This alone can increase airflow and significantly impede the growth of interior mildew.

- Eliminate moisture. Stagnant water produces moisture in the air and creates the perfect environment for mildew growth. Limit moisture by using a dehumidifier in high humidity areas. Also, take steps to remove excessive moisture by wiping down shower walls after each use and cleaning spills that can be created by leaks, wet laundry or raincoats in basements, laun-



Prevent mildew growth by using paints that inhibit mildew.

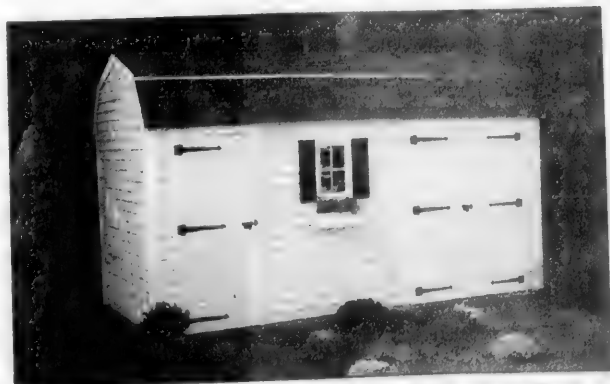
dry rooms and closets. This will reduce the moisture in the air and decrease mildew growth.

- Clean infected areas. Clean mildew-covered surfaces with a solution of 1 cup household bleach to one gallon of water. Follow this solution by rinsing thoroughly with clean water.

- Prevent mildew growth. Prevent the growth of mildew on painted surfaces by applying two coats of a mildew-proof paint.

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# Basements: What the kids want

By Richa Goyal

How many times have Andover teenagers complained that there is nothing to do on the weekends? Some teens prefer going to the mall, seeing a movie or eating out at their favorite local restaurant. However, what about people without cars? Or what about teens who want to hang out at home? Should they have a room in the house big enough for them and their friends?

For many families who answer "yes," the solution is to create a finished, or partially finished, basement.

Andover High School students Liz Pallotta, Sarah Bouchard and Lyle Brewer all say the basement of their home is their preferred hangout. When asked how she would picture her perfect basement, Pallotta, 17, said she already has the perfect basement. Her basement includes all the teen essentials: a big-screen TV, pool table, ping-

pong table, Play Station, surround sound and even a refrigerator. "There's just so much to do there. I could spend my whole weekend in my basement," said Pallotta.

Of course, not everyone has what Pallotta does in her basement. However, 17-year-old Sarah Bouchard's basement lacks a pool table, pingpong table and a refrigerator, and she still calls it the perfect basement. Bouchard's basement is dedicated to her and her friends. It's equipped with a TV and a cozy couch, and her artwork and pictures of her friends grace the walls. Visitors can almost always find Bouchard in her "bment" (that's what she calls it) whether she's with friends or by herself. She actually has a Web site named after her bment. In Bouchard's case, all she needed was a place that was hers and a place where she and her friends could hang out.

"I spend more time in my

basement than any other room in my house. I can sleep, do my homework, watch TV, host karaoke contests and have my own dance party," said Bouchard.

Adding a touch of creativity can always give a basement a little kick. Eighteen-year-old Lyle Brewer's basement shows off his love for music. With a wall mimicking Pink Floyd's cover art for its album "The Wall," Brewer also shows off his artistic and creative ability, which makes his basement stand out from others. With his guitars displayed in a corner, the Brewer basement is a place where Brewer and his friends can listen to music, or where he and his band mates from Grimis can practice for an upcoming show.

So, how can parents know what type basement is right for their teen? Those able and willing to spend the money, can go all out and add the teen essentials that Pallotta has in her basement. Those on more of a bud-

get, can be creative by adding things that they already have around the house. Definitely get the teen involved. In Bouchard and Brewer's cases, her drawings and his mural added a personal touch that can make any basement more inviting.

Based on conversations with Andover kids, the perfect basement doesn't have to have a home theater or a billiards table. Families just need to add a couple of bean bag chairs, perhaps a TV and a touch of creativity, and it will probably become a favorite hangout for teens.

Richa Goyal is a student at Andover High School.

Top left: Sarah Bouchard playing the guitar in her basement. Top right: Bouchard's computer and music area. Bottom left: Lyle Brewer practices guitar in his basement. Bottom right: the space where the band Grimis practices.



PHOTOS BY RICH Goyal

## Safe guarding against lead paint

Lead-paint encapsulants are certified forms of lead-based paint abatement, equivalent to paint removal and enclosure.

Findings recently published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* strongly suggest not only that any amount of lead is harmful to a child's brain, but also that greater damage seems to occur at levels below 10 micrograms, resulting in the loss of I.Q. points etc. The once-thought "safe" lead exposure level (10 micrograms a deciliter, set by the CDC) does not seem to be safe at all. While most parents are aware that encountering lead causes damage to children's brains, they now need to be educated about new "low level" findings as well as how to

best eliminate the problem.

One-quarter of American households with children under the age of 6 contain lead-based paint. Children can be exposed to lead-containing dust when windows are opened and closed or when old paint on walls, ceilings, radiators or floors chips, among other scenarios.

There are preventative products available. Fiberlock Technologies ([www.fiberlock.com](http://www.fiberlock.com)), a provider of environmental bio-science technology, offers ChildGuard, a safe, nontoxic, water-based, paint-like coating that is inexpensive and a permanent lead abatement solution. Products like this contain Bitrex, a bitter-tasting, nontoxic ingredient to discourage oral contact,

and meets or exceeds all projected federal, state, and local standards. Also offered are convenient, pre-soaked wipes, aiding in the cleanup of deteriorated surfaces or lead-paint dust.



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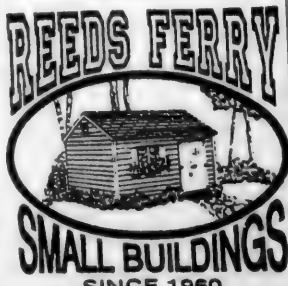
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Fresh Ideas for Indoor Air

# A look at innovations in furnace technology

(NAPSA) - Many homes have furnaces that are 20 or more years old. The Environmental Protection Agency says that one in every four U.S. furnaces falls into this category.

With Americans spending more than half of home energy budgets on heating and cooling, it may be time to take a look at replacing an old furnace with a new, more energy-efficient model. If the utility bills aren't chilling enough, the idea of waking some cold winter's night to discover that the old furnace has called it quits is likely to convince some people.

With numerous technology advances in furnaces over the last two decades, homeowners have more options to consider than ever before. One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of local dealers in helping homeowners choose the right heating solution for optimum winter comfort.

While the Internet allows consumers to more thoroughly research furnace brands, models and new technologies, research conducted by Carrier Corp. shows that more than 70 percent of homeowners still rely on the recommendation of their local dealer when selecting a furnace brand and model.

Whether a homeowner is looking to save on utility costs, or hoping to avoid waking to an icy bedroom, a number of innovations now allow people to pre-set their furnaces to more consistently maintain what Carrier calls an individual "indoor weather" preference.

Older furnaces tend to heat a home by blasting warm air in



An idea to warm to: the comfort of home can be easier to keep with a modern furnace.

a full-on cycle until the thermostat senses that the pre-set temperature level has been reached. The thermostat then tells the furnace to shut down. What follows is a full-off cycle in which the home cools down until the thermostat again initiates another full-on cycle.

The result? A comfortable temperature is achieved only in those few moments after a strong blast of heating subsides, and before the colder point in a full-off furnace cycle.

The solution? Today's variable-speed gas furnace. With the potential to save up to 20 percent on heating-related energy costs, the lower operating mode of a variable-speed system delivers consistent comfort by gradually delivering heated air to the home.

Heated air tends to add to already low humidity levels present in cold, dry winter weather. The impacts range from dry lips to more serious health concerns, such as persistent cough. Because dry air feels cooler to most people, homeowners often find them-

selves unnecessarily increasing their home's temperature setting.

This only adds to the lack of humidity in the air, and raises temperatures and energy costs. A number of technologies have emerged to meet demand for both increased moisture levels in winter months and, if a central air conditioning system is in place, the ability to decrease humidity in warmer months.

Another recent development may be of particular importance to homeowners looking to increase their storage space or just to move their furnace out of the way into a closet or crawl space. Engineering innovations have created smaller furnaces. A variable-speed gas furnace recently introduced stands just 33 1/2 inches tall, is quiet and takes up less than half the space of the old "monster in the basement." The options available with today's gas furnaces present the homeowner with many decisions to consider before purchasing a new system. Operating cost, energy savings, maintaining a consistent pre-set temperature, humidity control, even noise level and furnace size are being looked at by today's more discerning consumer.

Two tips to consider before making a decision:

• Start by researching. A good starting point is the EPA's EnergyStar program Web site: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

• Have an informed discussion with a dealer. Be prepared to prioritize needs when discussing options. Set a budget, discuss options such as heat and humidity control systems, and weigh the benefits against the cost for each option.

## Hints to keep the dust mites away

(WMS) - It seems that no matter how often one dusts, it just keeps on coming back. Dust is inevitable - it's not a sign of uncleanness. According to *Allergies and Asthma for Dummies* by William Berger, dust mites come out after a normal breakdown of fibers in pillows, drapes, clothes, linens and other furnishings. It's basically impossible to rid a home of them. But homeowners can take some steps to decrease their exposure to them around the home. Here are some tips from his book:

• **Bedroom:** Bedrooms should not be located in humid areas, like the basement. Mount beds on bed frames. Put allergen-impermeable encasings on pillows, mattresses and box springs. Use pillows, blankets, quilts and bedspreads made of synthetics; avoid down-filled comforters and pillows altogether. Wash bedding at least once a week.

• **Floors:** Avoid carpeting and thick rugs. If there is carpeting, select area rugs or thin ones. Vacuum often or buy a machine that reduces dust emissions. Bare surfaces like hardwood, linoleum, vinyl or tile are easy to clean and help prevent dust buildup.

• **Furniture:** Replace fabric-upholstered furniture like sofas and chairs with leather upholstery or other furniture made of plastic, wood or metal, which won't trap allergens.

• **Cleaning:** Vacuum bedrooms and mattresses at least once a week, and clean furniture with a damp cloth rather than a dry one.

• **Air:** Use air cleaners to keep pure air circulating, and cover vents with filters to ensure clean air enters the home. Keep the relative humidity in the home low (below 50 percent, according to studies), because dust mites can't survive in such conditions. Clean and maintain heating and air units at least once a year.

• **Around the house:** Reduce clutter, books and stuffed animals to prevent the proliferation of dust.



Take steps to decrease exposure to dust mites around the home.

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## Act now to prevent ice damage this winter

(MS) — Many people may not know what ice dams are, but they cost the public millions of dollars each year. Ice dams form when warmth from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains. Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home under the shingles, often causing extensive damage to the roof decking and a home's interior — particularly ceilings, walls, interior carpets and flooring. Fortunately, there are things that can be done in the summer and fall to protect the home.

"If your house is susceptible to ice dams, the best time to take action is now," says Bill Mulaney, senior vice president of customer service and claims for MetLife Auto & Home. "During the early spring, we routinely see hundreds of claims caused by ice dams. An ounce of prevention during the warmer months can help keep things from snowballing out of control during the cooler ones." Following are some tips to consider during the fall:

Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Be sure that sticks and debris are removed from gutters and downspouts. During the winter, periodically check their condition, removing any snow or icicles that accumulate.

Give the roof an overcoat. The most effective way to eliminate ice dams is to stop snowmelt by making the roof colder. This can be achieved by insulating the

floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices where warm air from the interior can rise into the attic.

Identify water entry points within the home. Homeowners may wish to contact a contractor to locate these entry points and take the appropriate actions.

Once winter has arrived, there are still ways to prevent an ice dam or to minimize the effects if one has already occurred. After a snowfall, consider the following: If possible, keep snow off the roof with a snow rake. Use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Do not climb on the roof to clear the snow as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of electrical wires.

To melt the ice, bring new life to an old set of legs. Placing old nylon stockings filled with snowmelt over an ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

In an emergency situation, where water is seeping into the house, notify a professional contractor at once. In the meantime, it's possible to capture entering water before it causes significant damage by placing a bucket under the leak.

For additional information on how to forestall future problems, MetLife Auto & Home offers a free brochure, "Protecting Your Home Against Damage From Freezing Weather," by calling 800-638-5433.

## Vent-free gas appliances not linked to mold and mildew growth, new study says

(MS) — Although homeowners have known for years that mold and mildew can often cause unseen damage in the home, little research has been done to determine what conditions actually encourage the growth of these organisms.

Most people are aware that sustained high humidity can encourage mold growth. But what causes sustained high humidity in a home? To answer this question regarding vent-free supplemental gas heating products, the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) decided to find out.

It's an important question for many American homeowners. Since 1980, more than 12 million American homes have relied on vent-free gas space heaters, fireplaces, logs, inserts and stoves for supplemental heating. These products, which operate on natural gas or propane, are selling throughout the country at a rate of 1.25 million units every year.

The Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance commissioned an independent research study to get the answer. The study, "Impacts of Vent-Free Gas Heating Products on Indoor Relative Humidity," was designed to address this question: "Do vent-free gas heating products generate enough water vapor to raise indoor humidity levels high enough to foster mold growth?"

### Research study results

Completed in December 2002 by risksciences, LLC, an independent scientific consulting firm nationally recognized for its expertise in human exposure modeling in residential environments, the study concluded that for the vast majority of homes in the U.S., vent-free gas heating products do not generate enough water vapor to raise indoor humidity levels high enough to foster mold growth.



According to a new study, for a majority of homes in the U.S., vent-free gas heating products do not raise indoor humidity levels high enough to foster mold growth.

### Controlling mold

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the best way to control or prevent indoor mold growth is by controlling indoor moisture. If there is mold present, it needs to be cleaned up and the water problem must be fixed. It is

important to dry water-damaged areas and items within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth. For information on preventing mold in the home, see the EPA's brochure, "A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture and Your Home," which is available online at [www.epa.gov/iaqmolds/preventionandcontrol.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaqmolds/preventionandcontrol.html).

### Proof positive

The defining advantage of a vent-free gas product is that there's no need for venting, a hole-in-the-wall or ceiling or a chimney — only access to a natural gas or propane supply line. The 99 percent efficiency of vent-free gas appliances allows the homeowner to save heating dollars by turning down the home's thermostat and still enjoy safe and instant heating. And because most vent-free gas products do not use electricity, they provide heat even during severe electric power outages.

For more information, or to receive free copies of the executive summary of the research study "Impacts of Properly Sized and Operated Vent-Free Gas Heating Products on Indoor Relative Humidity"; the executive summary of the research study "The Effect of Properly Sized and Operated Vent-Free Gas Products on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)"; or the "Consumer Guide to Vent-Free Gas Products" brochure, write to the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201, or visit the Web site at [www.ventfree.org](http://www.ventfree.org).



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## Making housecalls: Important tips for hiring a handyman

(MS) — The explosion of the popular do-it-yourself television shows and how-to books have prompted many homeowners to fearlessly tackle the ultimate home makeover on their own — only to realize a few days (or weeks and months) too late that, sometimes, creating a masterpiece is better left to the experts. In fact, statistics show that more and more homeowners are taking up do-it-yourself projects around the home — and doing so successfully. But homeowners who try to complete larger projects that involve tasks such as using special power tools and removing walls, are finding that the work can be overwhelming and more costly over time than anticipated.

"We will have homeowners call who have started a project, but realize that they've bitten off more than they can chew," said Mark Hatley, regional manager for Owens Corning HOMExperts Home Repair and Improvements Service. "We come in and safely and efficiently finish the job they've started." Whether it's a matter of getting away from the comfort zone in their abilities or a general lack of time to devote to remodeling or repairs, homeowners who begin a project can quickly learn it's not always as simple as they see on TV or read in the books.

Personal safety is a factor that homeowners should consider upfront before trying their hand at remodeling projects. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest annual data, 157,129 people were injured in accidents related to ladders in their homes. More than 98,000 people were treated for saw-related injuries, while hammers caused 42,426 injuries. Even screwdrivers proved dangerous for some, causing 10,031 injuries.

"Hiring the right professional to complete a home improvement project is one of the safest and most effective ways to make sure that the project gets done right," said Hatley. "Many home repair and remodeling jobs are best left to the professionals." Finding a home improvement professional can be a rewarding experience for homeowners simply by asking the right questions before they hire a professional.

"The first step to finding a home improvement professional is not to just find one — but to find the right one," said Hatley. "A good way to start is to check for referrals from neighbors, friends and family members."



Be sure to ask the right questions before hiring a professional to complete a home-improvement projects.

The local Chamber of Commerce should also have a list of companies in the area."

When reviewing the qualifications of a home improvement professional, Hatley suggests that homeowners check to see if the individual or company:

- Has a good reputation. Check for references and call a few of them.
- Has a business license number and credit references. The Better Business Bureau is a good source.
- Has adequate insurance. Be sure to ask about the type and the amount of coverage.
- Understands, explains and complies with local building codes.
- Commits to supervising the job during all phases of work and inspecting it completely when finished.
- Plans to thoroughly clean up around the house when finished.
- Explains both the workmanship and manufacturer's warranty.

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These tips should help narrow down the choices, but before signing any contract with a company or individual, homeowners should always make sure that the details of the contract and terms are fully explained. A contract should never be signed if all questions are not answered or if the contract has blank spaces.

"Knowing the proper steps to take and if you ask the right questions, it can go a long way in helping you choose the right professional to work on your house," said Hatley. "A home is one of the biggest investments people can make, so it's important to treat it that way."

To find more information about finding the right handyman service, homeowners can visit [www.HOMExperts.com](http://www.HOMExperts.com) or call 866-OC-CAN-DO.

## Cleaning checklist for the home

Cleaning isn't just for spring. There's lots of small-scale chores that can be done in the fall. Start outside and then as it gets cooler, move to the inside the home.

Give a home a makeover this fall. Here are some tips courtesy of [abcnews.com](http://abcnews.com) to get you started:

### Outside

- House exterior: Repair damage such as cracks or punctures.
- Repair: Inspect and repair garden hoses.
- Lawns: Detach and rake lawn.
- Power tools: Clean equipment and add oil and gasoline. Inspect and replace worn parts such as start cords and wheels.
- Windows: Hire professional window washers or do it yourself.

### Indoors

- Refrigerators and freezers: Vacuum the coils at the back of units.
- Furnaces: Replace old air filters.
- Air conditioners: Vacuum built-up dirt off the coils.
- Clothes washer: Clean the inlet screen.
- Caulking: Replace any caulking around the tub and sink that has a black, mildew appearance.
- Tile grout: Clean grout between ceramic tiles in your kitchen and bathroom.
- Lighting: Remove any overhead light structures and clean out any dust or bugs.



Raking and caulking are a couple of ways to clean up this fall.

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# Expert design tips for success in kitchen remodeling and design

(MS) — A place to gather, work, play and above all, cook, kitchens have evolved with America's family-focused lifestyle to become an "epicenter" — the heart and soul — of the household. Home improvement has become the great national pastime, with more than \$214 billion spent on remodeling expenditures in the past year and almost 50 percent of both men and women homeowners putting gourmet kitchens on their "must have" lists. Kitchens continue to be the most popular remodeling jobs, providing high returns on investment.



Torie Ritchie gives advice on kitchen design.

"Cooking, entertaining and eating in have revolutionized the way we think about kitchen design today," said Torie Ritchie, cooking teacher, author, food writer and TV host. "People are phasing out the stark, cold, restaurant-style kitchens that were so popular in the 1990s. The trend now is toward lively, colorful kitchens that embody warmth, encourage conversation and feature design elements from a home cook's perspective."

Ritchie has toured more than 100 remarkable kitchens around the country on her popular television program, *Ultimate Kitchens*, on the Food Network. "There are such an extraordinary

Below are a few ideas to keep in mind before you get started on a kitchen remodeling project:

## Torie Ritchie's top 10 kitchen remodeling tips

1. A successful design, including color, theme and layout starts with the homeowner. Think about how the family cooks and live in the kitchen. Select finishes, colors and styles the family truly loves.
2. Because the hardest-working space is the countertop, invest first in durable, beautiful countertops that are easy to clean and maintain. Choose nonporous surfaces that don't have to be sealed and are resistant to stains, heat, scratching and chipping. Quartz surfaces are a good choice. They are a blend of natural quartz crystals and innovation that creates stunning and functional countertops.
3. Every aspect of the kitchen should be functional as well as good-looking. Work with a designer who understands cooking to ensure success.
4. Put prep areas near stoves, cleanup areas near the dishwasher and tableware storage near the serving area. Consider movable islands, stowaway tables and peninsulas for smaller spaces.
5. Organize the kitchen into "stations" — such as a baking

area, a grilling center, a pasta-making area, a coffee and tea cupboard or even a pet food corner — with the necessary tools and storage right at hand.

6. Carefully consider sink options. The best sinks work easily with your countertop. Seamless countertops and sinks remove trappings for dirt and bacteria growth — often incorporate features such as routed drain boards to make cleanup even easier.

7. Make multifunctionality a top priority. Look for smart appliances that accomplish tasks more efficiently, like ranges that cook and cool, dishwashers with extra racks for pots and pans, or countertops with built-in sinks.

8. Consider a children's corner with separate cabinets for snacks, a small refrigerator or refrigerator drawer for drinks and a low-level counter with an indestructible surface for projects.

9. Think green. Look for tiles made from recycled windshields, salvaged flooring, cabinets of wood from sustainable forests and countertops manufactured in accordance with environmentally sound practices.

10. Layout is more important for resale than décor. If the space is well thought out, it will appeal to future owners no matter what the style.

"Like a good recipe," said Ritchie, "each kitchen must be personalized by the cook. Infuse it with your personality and taste and you will always be happy with the results."

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## Using the Internet for research

(MS) — Sometimes getting started on a home-improvement project can be overwhelming. Homeowners can use the Internet as way to investigate and learn about new products, design and decorating ideas. Below is a list of sites to get started on researching those home-improvement projects.

### www.simonton.com

Find hints on window replacement, energy savings and window safety, as well as extensive product details, a dealer locator and more.

### www.stylesolutionsinc.com

See information on indoor and outdoor decorative trim that anyone can install. Find ideas for using mouldings, window, door surrounds and other products.

### www.hy-lite.com

A site on lightweight, decorative acrylic block windows, partitions and radius walls for all areas of the home. Adds light while protecting privacy.

### www.woodcraft.com

Purchase thousands of wood-working supplies and tools at this Web site.

### www.eplans.com

Discover the perfect floor plan — or spark one's own home-improvement project.

### www.homefurnish.com

Find information about furniture and furnishings for the home. Read about interior decorating, feng shui and repairs too.

### www.buildscape.com

Find home-building and remodeling tools, construction supplies and house plans, plus design tips, daily news and product stories.

### www.building.com

Visit one of the Web's largest back-to-back directories of home improvement information.

### www.remax.com

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chasing a motor home, consider tax incentives.

### www.howtocleananything.com

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### www.carpet-rug.com

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### www.cleaning.com

Find out how to clean anything courtesy of cleaning-industry news sources, and order products to use too.

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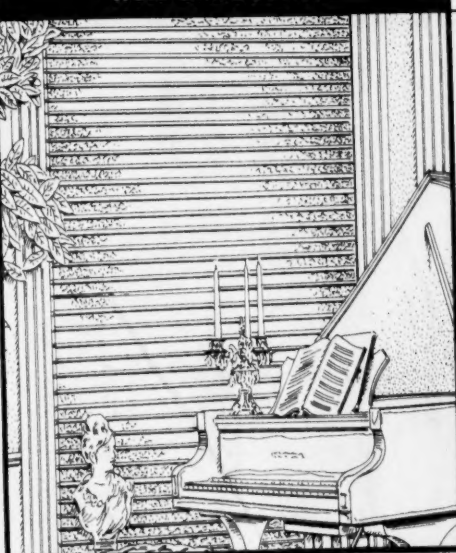
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## Brick Industry Association:

## Genuine clay pavers top the list for paving options

(MS) — Meandering garden paths, sidewalks, a circular driveway, a back patio or a front porch complete with rocking chairs — any of these can be part of a landscape design. But the paving materials chosen will determine the personality of the hardscape.

Choices range from genuine clay paving products (also known as brick pavers) to concrete products (poured, stamped or brick-shaped), natural stone products (such as flagstone) and tile products (like slate). Some are more appropriate for certain areas than others, and, of course, they all have their own character. The Brick Industry Association offers a comparison of products to see how they compare.



This sweeping brick-paved driveway becomes part of the landscape and complements the home's brick exterior (Pine Hall Brick).

## Genuine clay pavers

New brick paver products provide countless aesthetic choices, while still offering the durability of a product that's been around for thousands of years. Genuine brick pavers, made from a blend of clay and shale, are dried and fired, making them strong enough to withstand loads exceeding 12,000 pounds per inch.

The rich, lasting color of clay pavers is one of the biggest aesthetic benefits of the product. Because the color is inherent to the clay — not added as an artificial dye or pigment — it will never fade.

Pavers range from the lightest buff to the darkest charcoal and deepest chocolate. A variety of traditional reds and more subtle pinks are also available. Clay paver colors can even reflect minerals — like iron — found in clay and shale deposits, giving them strong, metallic undertones.

Brick pavers come in several shapes and sizes, including rectangular (the most common), boardwalk (long and narrow, like a boardwalk plank), interlocking octagonal and odd-shapes, and even a bull nose with a curved edge perfect for overhangs on steps and other niche areas.

Clay pavers, like face brick used on a home, require little maintenance and can last a lifetime. Brick streets in Boston still in use after more than 200 years are a testament to their longevity. Cleaning, when necessary, is easily accomplished with a little

detergent and a water hose.

## Concrete pavers

Designed to mimic clay brick pavers, concrete pavers consist of cement and aggregate dyed to the desired shade. Like brick pavers, concrete pavers can be found in a variety of styles and colors; however, the color retention of concrete pavers is poor as the pigment erodes with wear, exposing the aggregate. Once the color has faded, it is impossible to return the paver to its original shade. Faded pavers can be easily removed and new ones re-installed if they are set in a sand base.

## Poured and stamped concrete

Poured concrete allows versatility ranging from a large, low-cost slab or a more costly, yet intricate, pattern achieved through stamping, a newly popular technique in which patterns designed to resemble other products such as brick, slate, flagstone, etc. are, literally, stamped into wet concrete treated with the appropriate color of pigment. Thoroughly clean and seal any concrete hardscape, particularly if it is stamped or colored, to help defend against weather, water and stains.

## Natural stone and stone tile

Stone, a solid formed by nature itself of one or more minerals, can — like clay pavers — provide an organic look to complement a land-

scape. It's a good choice for steps dividing close gardens or for pathways curving around the main features of a landscape. Stone colors range from black and brown to red and yellow. Minerals enhance the color of stones by imparting variations such as pearlescent, metallic gray and black, pale gold and pink. Stone may be fabricated into natural shapes of varying thickness or cut into more precise pieces to form tiles. Textures range from smooth matte or high gloss, to ultra rough and rustic. Stone also varies in hardness and density, which effects its ability to resist cracking and staining.

Although stone tile provides more precise appearance and installation options than its natural stone counterpart, it's not an option for areas such as driveways, which will see vehicular traffic, because of its tendency to break under pressure.

## Making a decision

In the end, aesthetics and performance must be balanced with cost when considering any paving product. In general, including materials and labor only, the traditional poured concrete patio is the least expensive at around \$5 a square foot. Stamped concrete adds additional labor and sealant costs making the initial cost from \$7 to \$12 per square foot. Clay pavers cost anywhere from \$17 to \$20 per square foot, while concrete

pavers run \$15 to \$25 per square foot. Natural stone, the most expensive paving option, costs \$30 to \$35 a square foot, with natural stone tile ranging from \$9 to \$28 a square foot, depending on the type of stone chosen.

Maintenance costs must also be factored in when looking at the life cycle cost of paving materials. For clay brick, maintenance is virtually non-existent, while concrete products will need sealing (and resealing every six months to two years) to keep color from leaching out. For more information on genuine clay pavers or to find a distributor near by, visit the Brick Industry Association's Web site at [www.gobrick.com](http://www.gobrick.com).

## Squeaky Door Help:

(WMS) — Squeaky doors can be a real nuisance. Fortunately, there are several easy fixes for this common problem. Here are some tips:

Try spraying a little WD-40TM oil directly into the door hinges, with the door still attached. Operate the door to check and see if that eliminated the squeak.

If the door still squeaks, pull the pin out of the hinge. It should come out fairly easily, but if it sticks or has been painted in position, you may need to tap underneath the head of the pin with a screwdriver and hammer. Once the pin has been removed, apply a little powdered lubricant, such as powdered graphite, inside the hinge.

If you don't have any powdered lubricant, you could try using some household materials that you may have handy. Try rubbing petroleum jelly or candle wax on the hinge-pin before re-inserting.

Replace the pin in the hinge, and repeat these steps on the other hinge(s) if necessary. Once the door is back in place, it should be as quiet as a mouse.

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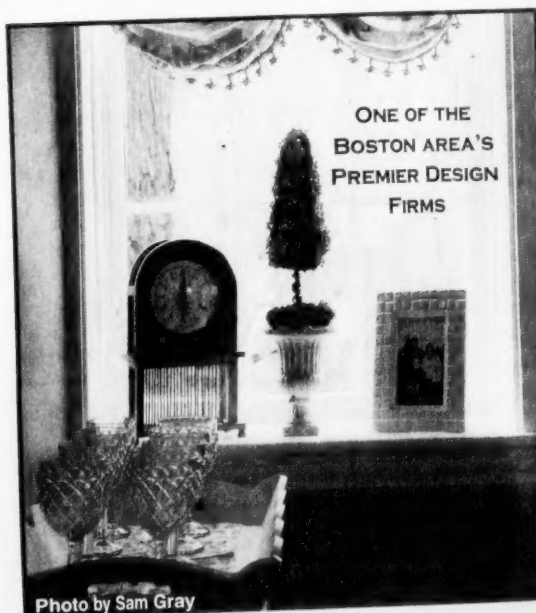
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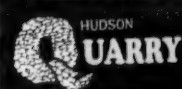
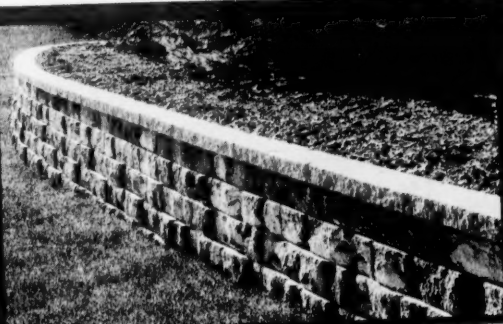
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